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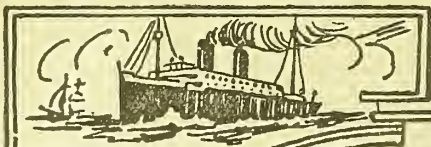

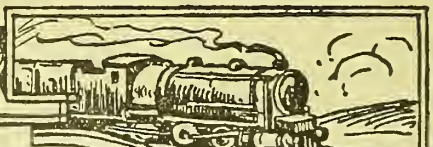

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20,000	„	...	„ 11/-	„	15/3	„	16/9	„
50,000	„	...	„ 10/9	„	16/-	„	16/6	„
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¼ gr. 330 @ 12/- per 1,000.
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Special quotations for bulk.

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BUY ONLY WITH A GUARANTEE AS TO PURITY.

SACCHARIN TABLETS

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1/-	**Allcock's** Porous Plasters	1/-	9/- 8/6 by gross
	Kerfoot & Co.'s Goods:—		
9d.	"Marble" tins Medicated Pastilles	9d.	5/- net
1/4	" " "	1/4	9/6
2 oz.	"Four Courts" and "Rhone" Eau de Colognes	2/6	22/-
4 oz.	" " "	5/-	42/-
21/-	**Maxim** Pipe of Peace	21/-	16/6
	Vichy Celestins—		
	Large	16/3 dozen	13/9 dozen
	"	65/- case of 50	55/- case of 50
	" Small	11/3 dozen	9/9 dozen
	"	45/- case of 50	38/- case of 50
	" Splits	6/6 dozen	5/9 dozen
	"	51/- case of 100	45/- case of 100
1/6	**Wander** Brand Phena Pastilles ...	1/6	13/6
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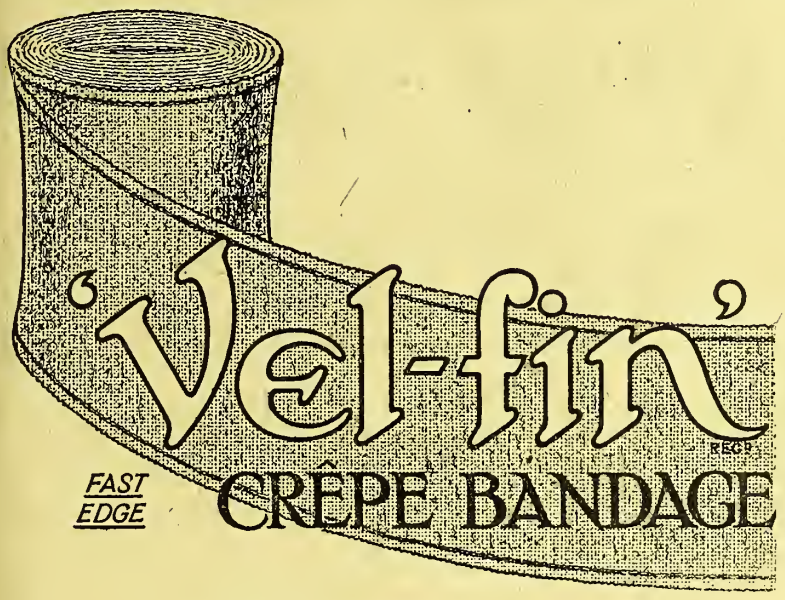

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FOR nearly two years Sanatogen has been conspicuous to your customers as one of the very few good British products which have NOT cost them more.

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Only last month we re-affirmed our decision in the matter, but now we are compelled to abandon it—for the present, at any rate—by the sudden and unexpected rise in a commodity essential to the manufacture of Sanatogen.

As from October 1st, therefore, the Face Value prices of Sanatogen are as follows:—

9/6 size now	**10/9**	2/9 size now	**3/3**
5/- „ „	**5/9**	1/9 „ „	**2/3**

Though these increases do not entirely cover our own loss of profit, you will see from the following table that YOUR profits under the Face Value Scheme remain unaffected:—

New Face-Value Prices of Sanatogen with Trade Profits.

New Face Value Selling Prices per dozen.	Trade Prices per dozen.	Profit per dozen.	Percentage of Profit on Capital Outlay.	Percentage of Profit on Sale.
10/9—129/-	97/6	31/6	32·3	24·4
5/9— 69/-	52/6	16/6	31·4	24·
3/3— 39/-	30/10	8/2	26·5	20·9
2/3— 27/-	20/3	6/9	33·3	25
On Best Cash-with-Order Terms, 10 per cent. Advertising Discount.				
10/9—129/-	87/9	41/3	47	32
5/9— 69/-	47/3	21/9	46	31·5
3/3— 39/-	27/9	11/3	40·5	28·9
2/3— 27/-	18/3	8/9	48	32·4

Thus, buying on best terms and taking the largest-sized tin as a standard of comparison, your profit on capital outlay is 47 per cent., and your profit on sales 32 per cent., while you also benefit by the increased turnover to the extent, for instance, of 5d. on each tin of this size.

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Will call at your store if they know you stock Vi-Cocoa because this food beverage of the people is in great demand as a tonic restorative in cases of mental and physical overstrain.

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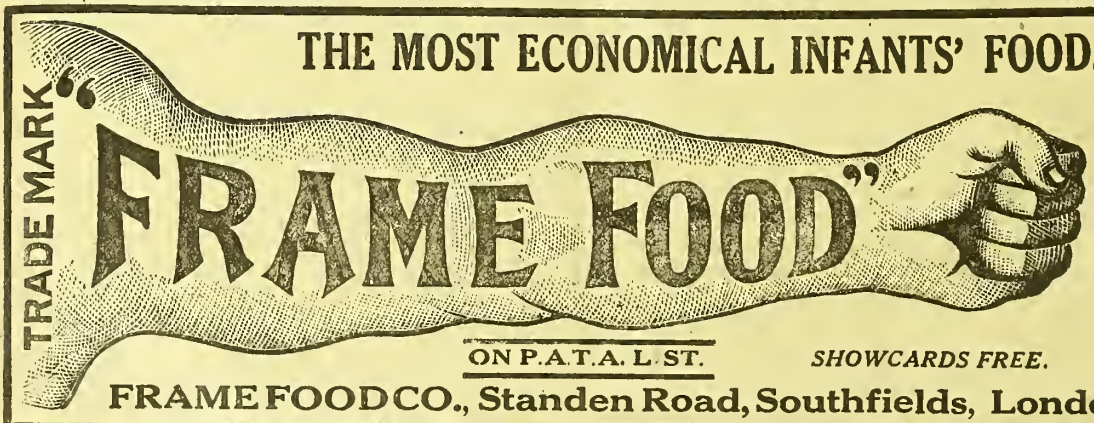

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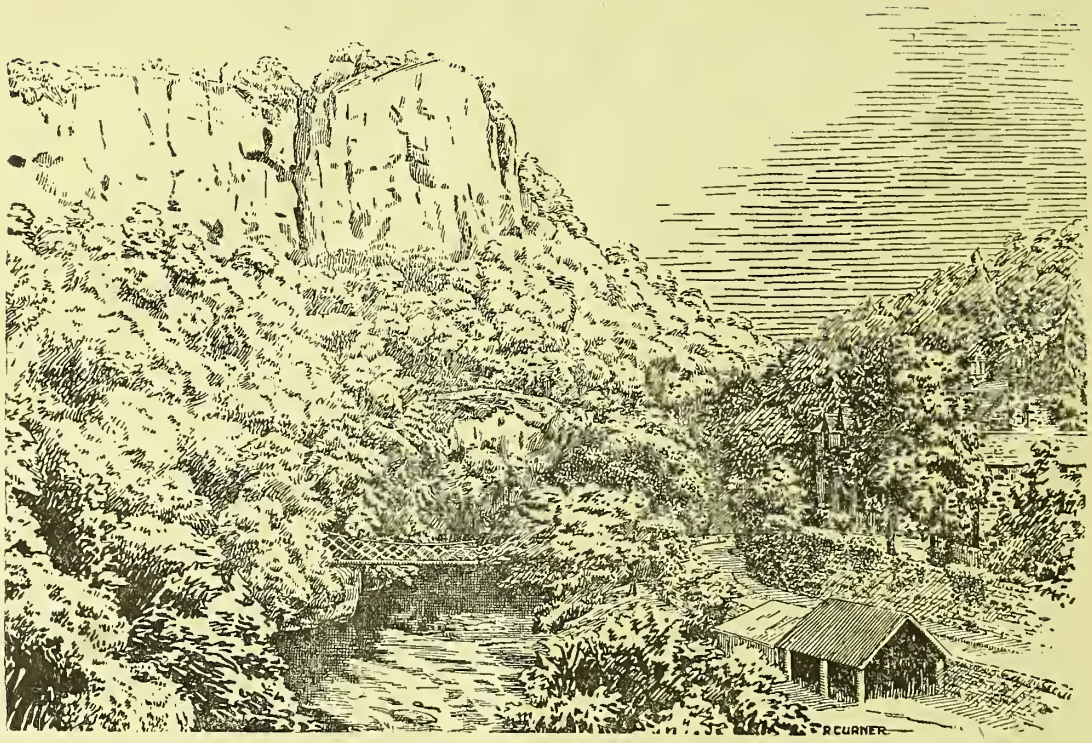

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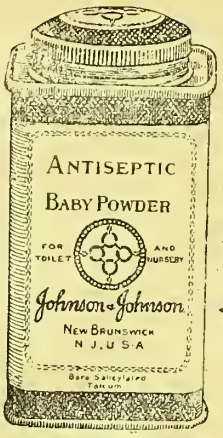

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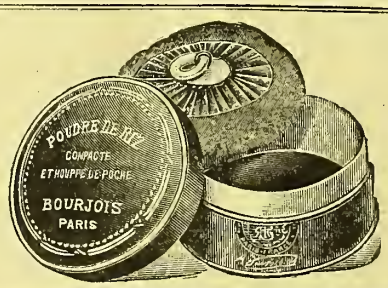

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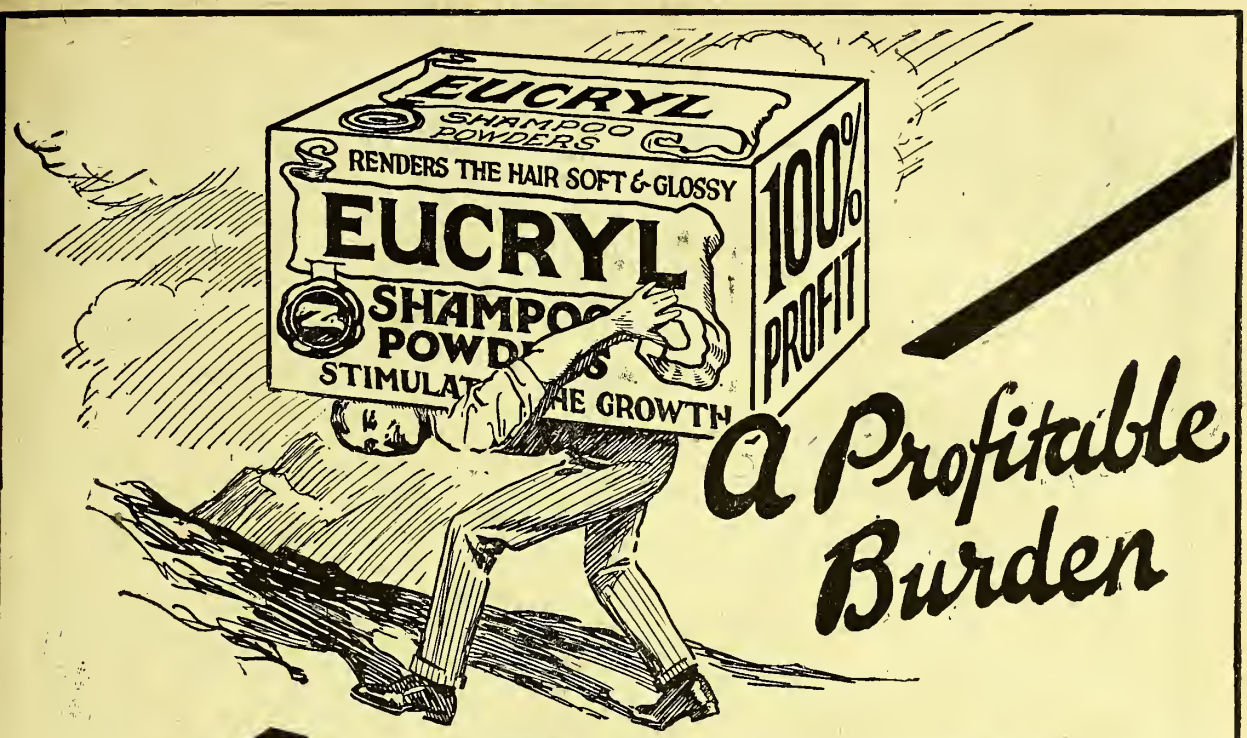

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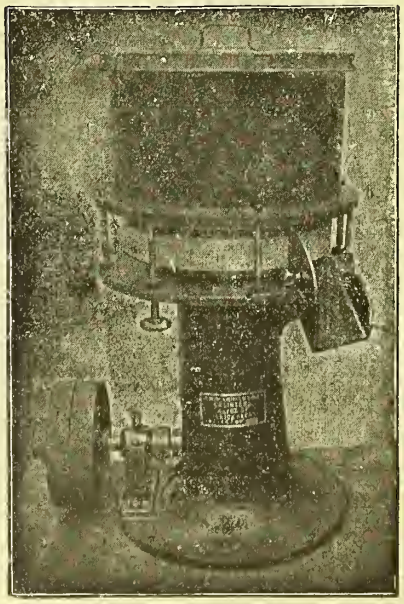

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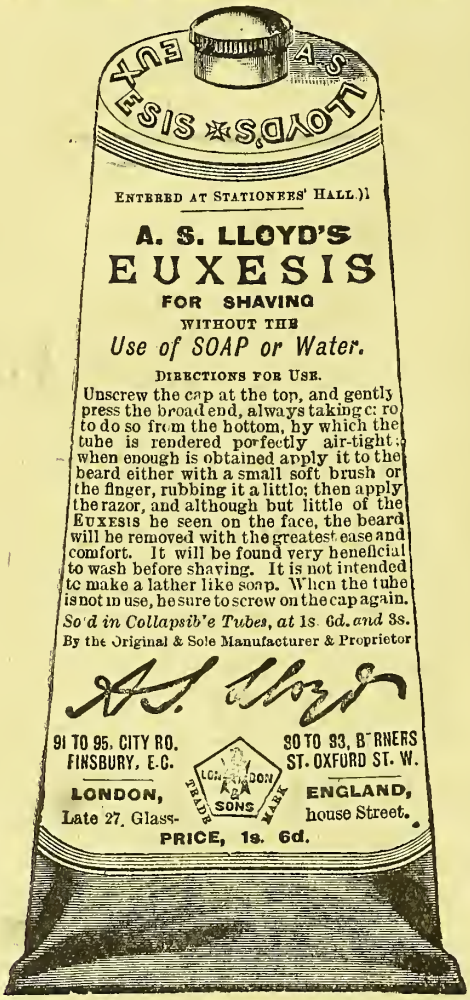

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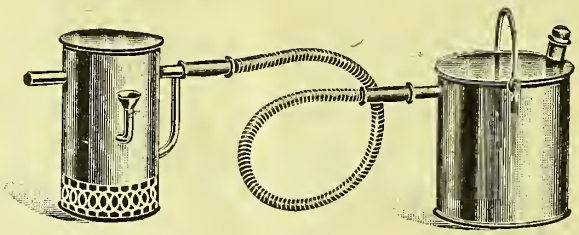

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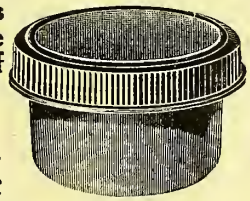

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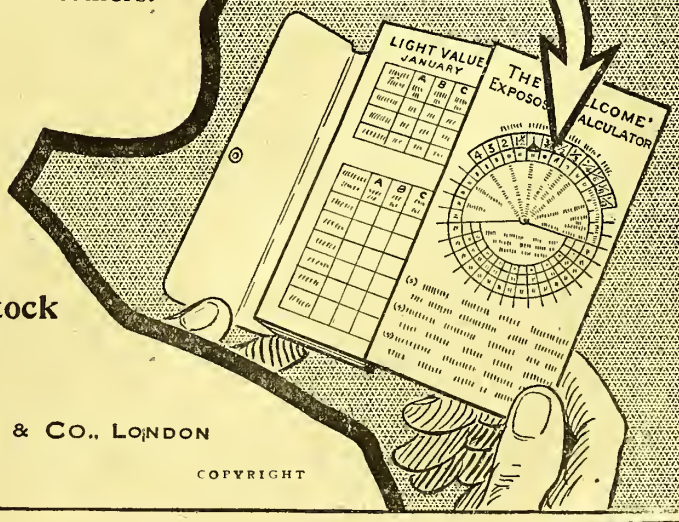

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Coming Events.

This section of the "C. & D." is reserved for advance notices of meetings or other events. These should be received by Wednesday of the week before the meetings, etc., occur.

Monday, December 2.

Royal Society of Arts, John Street, Adelphi, London, W.C. 2, at 5 P.M. Professor Jas. C. Philip, D.Sc., on "Physical Chemistry and its Bearing on Chemical and Allied Industries" (Cantor Lecture I.).

Society of Chemical Industry, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W., at 7.30 P.M. Dr. H. G. Colman and Mr. E. W. Yeoman on "Commercial Concentrated Ammonia Liquor and its Impurities"; Mr. E. Butler Jones on "The Analysis of Commercial Pure Benzols"; and Dr. J. J. Fox and Messrs. E. W. Skelton and F. R. Ennos on "The Analysis of Aluminium Alloys and Metallic Aluminium."

Wednesday, December 4

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 16 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., at 11 A.M. Council-meeting.

Western Pharmacists' Association, 316 Regent Street (opposite Polytechnic), London, W., at 8.30 P.M. Address by Mr. W. S. Glyn-Jones, Secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society.

Thursday, December 5.

Chemical Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W. 1, at 8 P.M. Ordinary meeting.

"CONTROLLED" QUININE IN TURKEY.—The Directorate-General of Health announces the sale of sulphate of quinine at 1,400 pst. per kilo. and hydrochloride of quinine at 1,600 pst. per kilo. for the chemists of Constantinople.

A SYNDICATE, with a capital of 5,000,000m., is being formed in Germany for the purchase of raw materials for manufacturers of perfumery and essential oils. A number of the leading firms in Germany have already notified their adherence. The preliminaries are being conducted by the firm of Aweka, Continental Perfumery Works, in Berlin.

English and Welsh News.

The Editor would be obliged if subscribers would send him marked copies of newspapers containing items of interest for insertion in this or other news sections of the "C. & D."

Chemical Society.

An informal meeting of the Chemical Society was held at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W., on November 21. Some interesting and well-arranged exhibits were on view, and proved obviously attractive to the members and visitors present. The display of Ilford, Ltd., included some admirable radiograms and a "haze-remover" that increases visibility in dull weather. Boot's Pure Drug Co., Ltd., had a cleverly planned "family" of toluol derivatives, arranged so as to show the kinship between saccharin and such products as chloramine-T. Fine chemicals—*e.g.*, maltose and hydrazine sulphate—were the feature of the section occupied by Thomas Morson & Son, Ltd.; and optical glass, together with "arc-screen" glass and other modern refinements of applied science, were shown in various stages of manufacture by Chance Bros. & Co., Ltd., and the Derby Crown Glass Co., Ltd.

Defence of the Realm Act.

The "London Gazette," November 26, contains an Order in Council revoking wholly or partially a number of regulations made under the Defence of the Realm Act. Among the revoked regulations are the following:

7A. Prohibition on exhibitions prejudicing the production of war material.

9C. Power to regulate bank or public holidays.

12. Power of naval or military authority to require extinction of lights.

14E. Power to prohibit aliens, etc., from going to Ireland.

14G (2). Restriction on routes by which persons can travel between Ireland and Great Britain.

15B. Power to require particulars of goods held for enemy benefit.

17A. Power to require use of premises as public air-raid shelter.

19. Restrictions on photographing, sketching, etc., in specified areas.

26. Prohibition on displaying lights, use of fireworks, etc.

41A. Preparing and exhibiting statements regarding employed persons.

41AB. Production of evidences as to liability to military service of men of military age about to be employed.

41C. Prohibition on transmission of money or credit to or from country under blockade, other than enemy countries.

45A. Alteration of or personation or false statement with regard to certificate of exemption from military service.

45B. Production of certificate of exemption from military service.

45C. Medical examination of holders, etc., of certificates of exemption from military service.

45D. False or misleading statement for prevention or postponement of calling-up for naval or military service or medical examination.

53A. Power to require production of National Registration certificate.

53B. Testing accuracy of information given to employés.

Birmingham.

The glycerin tide has not yet arrived in this city, but business cars seem to be able to get a little more fuel than heretofore.

An advertisement of a "genuine fat-reducer" appears in the "Birmingham Mail." It seems unnecessary in these days of rationed food.

The Premier stayed with Sir Charles Mander when he visited Wolverhampton last week. Sir Charles is head of Mander Bros., of which Dr. Morell is chief chemist and research worker.

Owing to the closing of chemists' shops at 8 o'clock in the evening and the lateness of receipt of medical prescriptions, the pharmacist finds it very difficult to avoid working behind the shutters.

The Military Tribunal, of which Mr. Jeffrey Poole, Ph.C., was an active member, ceased its labours on November 20. Nearly one hundred thousand cases have been decided during the existence of the Tribunal.

The carriage of parcels by passenger train since November 1 has doubled. A pharmacist who has been sending regularly small articles which before cost from 6*d.* to 7*d.*, is now paying 1*s.* 3*d.* for the same service. Probably the parcel-post service would be equally useful in some cases, and cheaper.

The general practitioners find great difficulty in coping with the heavy demands on their services occasioned by the

prevalence of influenza. Several medical men have been released from the Army to combat the disease in South Birmingham. Most of the schools are closed. The favourite prophylactic here is 24 drops of phenol in 8 oz. of water, from a tea- to a table-spoonful for a dose. "It disinfects the throat," says the man in the street. Pharmacists, both wholesale and retail, are very busy. Spiritus mindereri has taken the place of spt. frumenti and spt. vini gall., both of which are difficult to obtain.

Leeds.

Christmas window-shows are beginning to appear, and one pharmacist says he doesn't intend to "dress" his again this year, but just fill up as sales take place.

"Shorts" are still very numerous, and the general opinion is that the Armistice has only just come in time to save the trade from a very troublesome winter as regards supplies.

The latest "boom" in some parts of the city is stick cinnamon. The younger generation, probably scenting a new experience, smoke it like cigarettes, and the older ones chew it.

Business in Leeds shows no signs of falling-off, and many cases of "flu" still remain. The doctors are working at the highest pressure, and surgery hours have gone by the board these days.

On a request for six "flu devils," a chemist thought he had struck a new remedy; but on asking for further particulars as to the method of procedure he discovered that they were a chimney-sweep substitute, and spelt with an "e."

Unofficial advice in the newspapers on the uselessness of quinine preparations has to a large extent killed the sale of tr. quin. ammon. Some men who were getting through one or two winchesters a week are now only selling odd ounces occasionally.

Glycerin is being talked about once again, and customers seem very surprised indeed that there is still a shortage. It is, however, on sale at several pharmacies at 1*s.* per oz., but the public are shy at this price. There is every possibility of a supply coming through shortly, and then there will be a boom.

Liverpool.

It is proposed to confer the honorary freedom of the city on Sir Douglas Haig and Admiral Beatty.

Miss Buchanan's address to the Liverpool C.A. in mid-December is to be the occasion of a general and post-influenza rally.

The General Election is providing many candidates; as many as five (one retiring) in Wallasey. The public, however, is apathetic.

Mr. H. Corbett Meyrick, Ph.C. (Ireland), has been appointed manager for Giles, Ltd., Great Homer Street branch, Liverpool.

Another spell of rain, adding to the already abnormally humid atmosphere, has revived the demand for cough-remedies and anti-influenza specifics. Some violent attacks of biliousness have called for urgent aid.

The trade as a whole mourns the demise of Mr. Charles Thomas, for sixteen years the manager for Mr. J. H. Egan, chemists' label printer, Fleet Street, Liverpool. Both in business and private life he was a *persona grata.*

Sir James Barr presided at a musical and dramatic entertainment of the customary high standard, given at Crane Hall, Hanover Street, by the talented staff of Ayrton, Saunders & Co., Ltd., on November 23, when about 45*l.* net was raised for the Liverpool Skin and Cancer Hospital.

The Royal Institution, Colquitt Street, the home of the Liverpool C.A., is at present devoted mainly to a war exhibition of coloured photographs, under the auspices of the Ministry of Information. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress opened the exhibition, and Dr. Richard Caton (ex-Lord Mayor) spoke.

In Mr. Woolley's paper before the North London Pharmacists' Association he mentioned that under the Apothecaries Act, 1815, it is an offence for any apothecary to refuse to make up physicians' prescriptions. An interesting comment on this occurred recently on a Sunday evening. A Captain in the R.A.M.C. entered a local pharmacy, and in a peremptory manner asked for paper, as he wished to write a prescription. His manner was so objectionable that the pharmacist said he was not prepared to dispense for him, whereupon the military medical man said, "I will make you." What the pharmacist said need not be stated here, but there is at least one medical man who has learned that chemists are not under the same legal obligations as apothecaries.

Nottingham.

The prevailing epidemic of influenza in Nottingham has resulted in a great call for clinical thermometers, people who understand the dangers of a high temperature being anxious to test themselves or their relatives on the first sign of serious symptoms.

As showing the rush experienced at many pharmaceutical establishments here, one chemist estimated that on Saturday 2,000 persons entered his shop. Curiously enough, they were seeking articles quite unconnected with the influenza epidemic. The demand for throat-pastilles amounts to twenty times the quantity available, and most shops are practically sold out.

Quite a number of chemists here have drilled with the Volunteers, or assisted ambulance units to detrain and convey wounded soldiers to hospital during the war. The latter duty has not infrequently involved working far into the night, and those who have had to stand the strain, in addition to their ordinary work, are greatly relieved now that they can relinquish it. They have never begrudged their services, but have found that there are limits to human endurance.

Demobilisation promises to solve the problem of shortage of labour here, both in the chemical factories and pharmaceutical retailers' establishments. No difficulty is anticipated, so far as placing the men released from the Forces is concerned, and most of them will find situations waiting for them into which they can pass automatically. Stock-taking has fallen into disuse during the progress of hostilities, while darkened windows made window-dressing of relatively small importance. Both chemists and their remaining assistants have been overworked for the past two or three years especially, and will welcome a respite.

Sheffield.

The Sheffield Pharmaceutical and Chemical Society has sent out an appeal for funds for the War Auxiliary Benevolent Fund of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. An effort is being made to raise 250*l.* locally.

The military authorities are hesitating at the release of chemists from the Army. They are advising that the necessary forms should be filled in, so that the person may be earmarked for discharge at the earliest moment after peace is signed.

Bro. J. G. Appleton, S.W., has been installed as Worshipful Master of the Welcome Lodge No. 3779. Worshipful Bro. H. B. Billington (Barnsley), Wor. Bro. Percy Carr, and Bro. J. Gilbert Jackson were present to see their pharmaceutical colleague installed.

The Insurance Committee has decided that to reduce the hours for dispensing would not give an adequate service, and has refused to agree to the various alterations asked for during 1919, holding that the present hours were agreed to only through the shortage of staffs.

The supply of infants' and invalids' foods is causing trouble to chemists, and some feeling is being introduced, as every grocer's shop appears to have ample supplies, while chemists are only able to secure small quantities. The municipal trading requires dealing with, as it is become a very unfair competitor.

Miscellaneous.

Poisoning.—Annie Kettlewell committed suicide at Huddersfield by taking some sciatica liniment. "Suicide by poisoning" was the verdict at the inquest.

Sugar (Confectionery) Order, 1917.—A general licence has been issued permitting the sale of crystallised and glacé fruits by retail at a rate not exceeding 3½*d.* per oz.

Egg (Prices) Order, 1918.—This Order, which comes in force on December 2 and fixes the prices at which eggs may be sold wholesale and retail, does not apply to the sale or purchase of canned, dried, or desiccated eggs.

Tea Restrictions Removed.—The Minister of Food has decided to remove at the end of the month the restrictions on the quantities of tea which retailers may purchase. Food Control Committees have been notified that any systems of control in force should be discontinued.

Scientific-instrument Research.—The British Scientific Instrument Research Association, formed under the scheme of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, has secured premises at 26 Russell Square, London, W.C. 1, where offices and research laboratories will be equipped.

National Association of Women Pharmacists.—Nominations for the Committee of the London branch of this organisation must be sent to Miss Braithwaite, 18 Warren Road, London, E. 4, not later than December 11. It should be noted that the consent of the nominees should be obtained by the nominators.

Enemy Trading Act Order.—The Board of Trade have made an Order, dated November 23, under the Trading

with the Enemy Amendment Act, 1918, for the realisation and distribution of the assets of the business of Arnold Otto Meyer & Co., late London House, Crutched Friars, London, E.C., merchants and agents.

Public Pharmacists.—Those engaged in the Public Services are earnestly invited to a meeting at the Progressive Pharmacy Club (by courtesy of the Committee), Arundel Hotel, Victoria Embankment (Temple Station), London, W.C., on Thursday, December 5, at 7.30 p.m., when Mr. Herbert Skinner will read a paper on *The Whitley Report and its Relation to the Public Services.*

British Science and Invention Exhibition.—In view of the wide interest taken in the exhibition, held at King's College, London, during the past summer, the British Science Guild has decided to organise another exhibition next year. Part of the recent exhibition in London has been transferred to Manchester, where it will be on view shortly at the Municipal College of Technology.

Distribution of Lard.—The Ministry of Food announces that the scheme for the distribution of lard came into complete operation on November 26. Wholesalers and other direct buyers can now only obtain supplies of lard from the importers to whom they have been allotted by the Ministry of Food. Other sections of the trade have been bound by the regulations of the scheme since the beginning of October.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act.—In Camberwell during the last quarter three samples of precipitated sulphur were analysed, two being genuine, while the third had 30.8 per cent. of fixed residue on ignition, proceedings being taken against the vendor, who was fined 10*s.*, with 2*l.* costs. A similar penalty was imposed on the vendor of a sample of crushed linseed, which was 26.7 per cent. deficient in oil, and in which starch was present.

Increased Sugar Supplies.—The announcement is made by the Chairman of the Royal Commission of Sugar Supply that the drug-trade is to have an additional 50 per cent. of sugar to the quantities authorised upon their December vouchers. As the drug-trade is receiving 50 per cent. of the quantity used in 1915, it will now get 75 per cent. of the 1915 quantities. This concession also applies to sugar confectionery, pastries, biscuits, mineral waters, and other beverages (excluding beer).

Influenza at Merthyr.—Incidental to the rapid headway which the epidemic of influenza has made in Merthyr Tydfil, there has been a considerable demand during the past ten days for quinine and various disinfectants. On some days eucalyptus oil could not be obtained, but later stock was replenished. There has been a great run on camphor squares, which children wear as a prophylactic. The whole of the schools of the borough have been closed for a fortnight in consequence of the epidemic.

In the Courts.—At Tower Bridge Police Court, London, on November 21, Stevens & Co., Ltd., chemists, 97 Borough High Street, S.E., were summoned on six informations for selling unstamped patent medicines. Evidence of purchase having been given, it was further stated that only three medicine-stamps were found on the premises by an officer of Customs and Excise, and that they appeared to have been previously used. Mr. T. Morgan Davis, managing director of the company, said that the offence was committed through the original manager having been called up and a disabled man being called upon to do more than his share of the work. A recent conviction of another company in which Mr. Davis holds the principal shares (*C. & D.*, November 23, p. 37) having been proved, a fine of 48*l.*, with 2*l.* 2*s.* costs, was imposed.—At Dorking on November 20, John Akehurst, Capel, was summoned under the Veterinary Surgeons Act for acting as a veterinary surgeon without being qualified to do so. Defendant gave a certificate after examining an animal, and when this was pointed out to him he replied that he was registered. A fine of 5*l.* was imposed.—At Bow Street Police Court, London, on November 23, a man named Smith was fined 100*l.*, and thirty guineas costs, for having with other persons not in custody caused cane-sugar solution to be injected into his bladder with a view of producing results calculated to lead to the belief that he was unfit for military service (*C. & D.*, November 2, p. 36). Dr. H. Campbell Ross, for the Army authorities, said the difference between this artificially produced excess of sugar in the urine and that due to diabetes can be shown by chemical analysis.—At the Thames Police Court on November 22, Leah Myers, described as a dispenser, was charged with supplying a certain drug to a soldier to induce the belief that he was unfit for service; and Marcus Woolf Cohen, a medical practitioner, was charged with giving a false medical certificate preparatory to the commission of the alleged offence. Both defendants were remanded on bail in two sureties of 100*l.* each.

Dye-production.—To the Board of Trade the Executive Council of the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers have addressed a memorandum directing attention to the present situation as regards the manufacture of dyes. The Council suggest that an immediate co-operative effort is needed to establish the industry on an adequate scale, and that a wider interest should be appealed to. They point out that the manufacture of dyes being an integral part of, and dependent upon, the operations covered by the chemical-manufacturing industry as a whole, Government officials should consult the Association more closely than hitherto. The manufacture of the greater proportion of essential intermediates should be carried on at the existing chemical-works, leaving the actual production of the finished colours to be in some measure centralised. No such scheme has yet been formulated, with the result that firms capable of contributing materially to dye-production have had insufficient opportunity of doing so. Unless such opportunity is given time will be lost, and unnecessary capital expenditure will be incurred in the erection of plant which already exists in whole or in part at chemical-works in this country. The Council asserts that there are in existence at the present time resources in actual colour production that have never been utilised, and that unless co-ordinated action is set up to a much greater extent than hitherto the problem of meeting external competition in peace-time will be more difficult and dangerous than is at present foreseen. The development of a British organic chemical industry, capable of keeping abreast of industrial achievements in the synthetic production of dyes, drugs, explosives, poisons, etc., is essential to the safety of the Empire. Thus the dye-industry should be intimately co-ordinated with the other sections of organic chemical industry if the success of the whole is to be assured. To this memorandum the Dyes Commissioner has replied that the latest scheme which Government propose to adopt in order to assist the dye-industry provides for representation of the Association on the Trades and Licensing Committee. The Association does not consider that the appointment of one representative of chemical industry out of nine members of the Trades and Licensing Committee is adequate, and, considering the national importance of the matter, most people will agree.

Irish News.

Brevities.

Mr. J. C. Culbert, Ph.C., Secretary of the North Irish Pharmacists' Association, has been seriously ill, and is now recovering.

Sir Charles Cameron has resigned the position of analyst to North Tipperary County Council, which has advertised for a successor at 35*l.* per annum.

Messrs. S. Whelan and J. French have a very fine window-display at their new pharmacy, 60 Patrick Street, Cork. The shop is tastefully and well fitted out.

Business in Cork during the month has been very slack, but in some directions there was an improvement. On the whole the public does not appear to be inclined to make purchases at present.

Cork chemists still find difficulty in getting bottles of all descriptions, particularly dispensing-bottles. However, with improved cross-channel shipping which has now been secured the outlook is more promising.

Lieutenant Alexander Dundee, Royal Irish Rifles, brother of Mr. Jas. Dundee, Ph.C., University Road, Belfast, attended the Investiture at Buckingham Palace on November 23 and received the Military Cross from the King.

The Committee of the Co. Tipperary Infirmary have accepted the tender of F. Storey, Ltd., Belfast, for the supply of drugs and appliances at abatements of 12½ and 15 per cent. respectively off list-prices. The Bailieborough Guardians have declared Boileau & Boyd, Dublin, contractors for drugs, and S. Connor & Sons, Newry, for appliances.

Further evidence was heard at Belfast on November 21 in the case of Nathaniel Osborne McConnell, Medical Hall, 115 North Street, Belfast, who is charged with the murder of Mary Jane Reid, aged twenty-six (see *C. & D.*, November 23, p. 36). Mr. James Maxwell, manager of Ben Clarke & Sons, wholesale druggists, Belfast, produced the account of the prisoner from July 1 till September 30 of this year. All the drugs and other articles mentioned in the invoice were entered as "To Goods." On July 10 6 lb. of ext. ergot. liq. was sent to Dr. McConnell and the same quantity on September 30. Altogether 24 lb. of the liquid extract was supplied in the quarter ending September 30. Mr. Benjamin Clarke corroborated the evidence. Prisoner was remanded for a further eight days.

Scottish News.

Brevities.

At Haddington Sheriff Court, on November 21, a Leith repairer of scales and beams was heavily fined for fraud. He charged substantial amounts for supplying agates to scale beams when he had not done so.

Complaints are to hand that thermometers sent to the National Physical Laboratory for testing (immediately the announcement was made in the *C. & D.*) have not yet been returned. Obviously chemists must continue the sale of untested clinicals, or patients must suffer.

Scottish Chemists' Retail-price List.

The following are some of the alterations in the November issue just published of the Scottish Chemists' Retail-price Lists.

Drugs.—Amidopyrin, 1*s.* 6*d.* dr.; amyli pulv. (potato), 2*d.* oz.: arrowroot, Bermuda, 6*d.* oz., 1*s.* 9*d.* ¼ lb.; St. Vincent, 1*s.* ¼ lb.; bism. carb. et subnit., 5*d.* dr.; camphor (flowers), 1*s.* oz.; tablets, 4 to oz., 3*d.* each; ess. menth. pip., 1*s.* 6*d.* oz.; ext. cascar. sag. liq., 8*d.* oz.; ferri am. cit., 2*d.* dr.; ferri quin. cit., 7*d.* dr.; glyc. pepsin acid, 1*s.* 6*d.* oz; glyc. pepsin, B.P., 1*s.* 3*d.* oz.; glycyrrh. rad., 6*d.* oz.; hellebor. alb. pulv., 4*d.* oz.; hydroquinone, 6*d.* dr.; jalap. pulv., 6*d.* oz.; troch. bismuth., 8*d.* oz; manna elect., 1*s.* oz.; mel opt., 4*s.* lb.; mel boracis, 4*d.* oz.; menthol, 7*d.* dr.; metol, 1*s.* 7*d.* dr.; ol. eucalypt., 8*d.* oz.; ol. menth. pip. (redist.). 8*d.* dr.; phenazon., 1*s.* 6*d.* dr.; potass. caustic., 3*s.* 6*d.* oz.; pot. brom., 3*d.* dr., 1*s.* 3*d.* oz.; pot. cyanid. 6*d.* oz.; quin. sulph., 2*s.* dr.; sacch. lact., 6*d.* oz.; sod. salicyl., 3*d.* dr.; syr. ferr. phos., quin., et strych., 6*d.* oz.; tinct. benz. co., 1*s.* oz.; tinct. quin. am., 8*d.* oz.

Packed Goods.—Capsules am. quin. (30-m.), 2 doz., 1*s.* 4*d.*; Gregory powder (30-gr.), 2 doz., 1*s.* 6*d.*; Easton's syr., 2-oz. bot., 1*s.* 2*d.*; tab. am. quin. (1-dr.), 25, 1*s.* 3*d.*; quin. (2-gr.), 25, 1*s.* 6*d.*; soda mints. 25, 4½*d.*

Proprietaries.—9½*d.* Allinson's barley, 1*s.* 2*d.*; Amami face-cream, 1*s.* 6*d.* and 3*s.*; Armour's ess. pepsin, 4 oz., 2*s.* 9*d.*; 5 oz., 9*s.* 6*d.*; Brand's ess. beef, 2*s.* 3*d.* and 4*s.* 6*d.* (in tins); Brand's meat-juice, 4*s.* 6*d.*; Calvert's ointment, 2*s.*; Cheltine cocoa, 1*s.* 6*d.*; Colman's mustard, 8*d.*, 1*s.* 3½*d.*, 2*s.* 6*d.*; Martindale's amyl nit. capsules, 2*s.* 9*d.*

Edinburgh.

One of the rare accidents that may every day of triumph befell a chemist who viewed the Royal progress from his pharmacy. He was invaded by a number of prospective clients, ere he had opportunity gracefully to withdraw.

Scarcity of invalids' and infants' foods still persists. Being aware of this, possibly, a local bookseller shows a big placard in his window begging people to purchase "Food for the Mind. No Restrictions. Eat More!" Years ago the proprietor of a skating-rink used to advertise that roller-skating was a mental food, but those were the days when certain well-boomed breakfast foods were plentiful.

Thursday, November 21, will go down in history as the most eventful date in 1918 or any other year. Whilst the King and Queen, with the Prince of Wales, were driving through our streets a powerful enemy fleet was being quietly shepherded by the Navy to its anchorage a few miles away, and few of the citizens knew much of the latter happening until they read about it in the newspapers. Paul Jones, a stray French privateer, or a Portuguese rover of the long ago, made more stir along the Fife and Lothian coasts in their far-off day!

One day last week a chemist opened earlier than usual; he was full of energy, and determined to get out of the muddle into which things were drifting. Realisation of the things that must be done oppressed him as he hurriedly swept out the shop. There were ten prescriptions to dispense; there were shop-rounds to fill; and the drawers where ointments, seidlitz-powders, and similar packages jostled together in happier times were like so many miniature Saharas. With a forced smile he accepted another prescription—for forty-eight pills only. With cold politeness he refused to entertain a flapper's suggestion that he should develop a film during the forenoon—"January or February of next year," he proposed—arriving at his stove just in time to catch a syrupy mixture boiling over. And when this kind of day arrives six times a week——.

Glasgow.

"Panel Practitioner's" letter to the "Glasgow Herald" (*C. & D.*, November 23) was replied to by Mr. G. S. Kitchin, who refuted the insinuations on behalf of the Burgh Pharmaceutical Committee. "P. P." foolishly returned to the charge, but was received with hot rifle-fire by Mr. Kitchin, and has since ignominiously retreated under a heavy barrage.

General Medical Council.

The 108th session of the General Medical Council, which opened on November 26, was exceptional inasmuch as no new members took their places. The Privy Council had issued an order extending the tenure of the direct representatives, whose election fell due at this time, another year. No successor had been found for Mr. Meredith Townsend, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., who joined the Council only last year, representing the Society of Apothecaries, and who had since died. Drs. Hepburn and Littlejohn sent apologies for non-attendance by reason of their military duties. Sir Frederick Taylor and Professor Symington were absent through ill-health. The President mourned the loss of two former colleagues, Dr. Robert Saundby and Mr. Brudenell Carter. The former retired last year, but it is a long time since Mr. Carter crossed swords with the late Sir V. Horsley and enlivened the debates with his polished and sometimes caustic speeches—the time when sittings dragged on for ten days or more, and when Mr. Carter deprecated "the abounding eloquence of two members who during five or six days had made 133 speeches."

The President's address, which covered a wide field, was punctuated by applause. Referring to the strain upon medical men in civil practice, he said it had been arranged that the release of teachers in the medical schools should have special consideration, the influx of students returned from active service making this urgently necessary. The number of medical students in May 1918 was 7,630, nearly 1,000 in excess of those in January 1917, and of these 2,250 were women. The number of newly qualified practitioners would this year, however, be below the average, and the prospect of a considerable addition to the ranks of qualified dentists was not encouraging. With regard to the penal business, the President noted with gratification that sustained complaints of culpable laxity in granting certificates had practically ceased. The warning notices issued by the Council had been effective.

The request of Miss Frances Harris, M.B. Lond., registered as c/o Mrs. Bridge, Windy Knowe, Darwen, for the removal of her name from the Register as she had ceased to practise, was acceded to. It was agreed that the qualifications granted in Saskatchewan and the North-West Territories should be recognised for registration in the Colonial list of the Medical Register. The Council spent the rest of the afternoon *in camera*. When they emerged, the President announced that Dr. Norman Moore had been appointed Treasurer in the place of Sir Frederick Taylor, retired; and that Dr. Norman Walker had succeeded Dr. Norman Moore as Chairman of the Business Committee. Dr. Moore retained his place, however, on Wednesday. The names of James A. B. Thompson, Alexander O. Schorn, and Edmund L. Haynes have been restored to the Medical Register.

Charges of Infamous Conduct.

The solicitors for Dr. Flament, charged with having given an untrue certificate for the purpose of enabling a man to avoid military service in Italy, made an application for the postponement of his case. This was refused, and the case was put down for hearing on Thursday. The Attorney-General, Sir F. E. Smith, Bart., K.C., represented the complainants, the Ministry of Munitions. The first case taken on Wednesday was that of Thomas Stoney Sharpley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Burton Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, charged with having abused his position by committing adultery with a lady whose young daughter he was attending professionally, of which adultery he had been found guilty in the High Court. Mr. Sharpley, who appeared in khaki, having served as an officer in India till invalided out, was attended by counsel; the injured husband did not appear owing to illness, nor was he represented, so that the facts were stated by the Council's solicitor. The plea that Mr. Sharpley had not attended the lady professionally, and that he had acted as *locum tenens* in the place for only a week, did not avail, and the name of a promising young doctor disappears from the Register.

Consideration of the case of Isaac Bernard Barclay, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Fairfield, Llanelly, occupied the Council between three and four hours, and was continued on Thursday.

A Scottish Chemist is relating how the few days' holiday his family had this year were spoilt. After they had chosen a village, the advance guard was sent to secure apartments. The choice made by the deputation resulted from the display of huge bunches of honesty in the windows of a house. Unfortunately, it turned out that the window-dressing was overdone.

Legal Reports.

Workmen's Compensation.—In the City of London Court, on November 25, before His Honour Judge Atherley-Jones, K.C., the case of Swan *v.* Nitrogen Products and Carbide Co., Ltd., was mentioned under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Plaintiff, Mrs. Swan, 4 Bennington Avenue, Barking, made a claim against the defendant company, Winchester House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C., for damages for the death of her son, John Heritage, who met with his death on September 3 at Dagenham Dock while working for them. Defendants paid the expenses of deceased's funeral, amounting to over 10*l.*, and now agreed to pay plaintiff 50*l.*, which was accepted. The Court approved of the settlement.

Oil-extraction Machine.—In the City of London Court, on November 26, before Judge Atherley-Jones, K.C., an action was brought by the Premier Filterpress Co., Ltd., Finsbury Pavement House, Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C., against the British Vegetable Oil Extraction Corporation, Ltd., 11 Pancras Lane, E.C., and Edmonton, to recover 55*l.* for a second-hand American steam mangle supplied for use in extracting vegetable oil. After hearing the case on June 17 the Judge ordered that the matter should be determined by the nominee of the President of the Junior Institute of Mechanical Engineers (*C. & D.*, June 29, p. 38). His report was now submitted to the Court in favour of the defendants, and judgment entered accordingly.

Saccharin Contract.—A Divisional Court, in the King's Bench Division on November 22, had before them an appeal by Crisp & Co., Ladypool Road, Birmingham, defendants in the action against a decision of the County Court Judge at Liverpool in favour of the plaintiff, Henry Martin, brokers' agent, Matthew Street, Liverpool. Plaintiff had claimed 93*l.* 15*s.* for alleged breach of contract to sell 25 lb. of saccharin at 310*s.* per lb. Plaintiff's case was that as a result of a conversation over the telephone with Mr. Crisp he bought the saccharin at the price named. On the day of the telephone conversation the duty on saccharin was raised by the Budget to 60*s.* a lb. Neither party knew at the time of the conversation of this increase in the duty. Later the defendants refused to deliver the saccharin unless plaintiff consented to pay the increased duty. This plaintiff declined to do, as the saccharin was in London, and not in bond, and defendants therefore had not to pay the increased duty upon it. Plaintiff could not get any saccharin for three weeks, and then had to pay 380*s.* per lb. Defendants, on the other hand, contended that they told plaintiff at the conversation over the telephone that if there was any increase in the duty as a result of the Budget the price would be raised accordingly. Moreover, they contended that it was a custom of the trade that duty was always added if it was increased before delivery. The learned County Court Judge found that defendants agreed to sell the saccharin at 310*s.* per lb., and made no stipulation as to the price being increased if the duty was increased. He entered judgment for plaintiff for 75*l.*, with costs. The Court came to the conclusion that the findings of the learned County Court Judge were right, and dismissed the appeal, with costs.

Bankruptcy Reports.

Re John Keefe, 118 Charing Cross Road, London, W.C.—This bankrupt, who failed in July 1904, applied last week to Mr. Registrar Francke, at the London Bankruptcy Court, for an order of discharge. The Official Receiver reported that the provable debts amounted to 2,843*l.*, while the assets, valued by the bankrupt at 5,290*l.*, had realised only 1*l.* 6*s.* In July 1903 he promoted the Alpha Chemical Co., Ltd., to work a secret process for the manufacture of disinfectants, etc., and as co-vendor he received 40,000*l.* in shares. He was interested in the flotation of several other companies, to losses in connection with which the failure was also attributed. The discharge was suspended for two years.

Re John Hunter Watts (trading as J. Hunter Watts & Co.), 39 Seething Lane, London, E.C., Chemical and Colour Merchant.—An application for an order of discharge was made on November 19 to Mr. Registrar Mellor, at the London Bankruptcy Court, by this bankrupt, who failed in May 1893. Mr. J. B. Knight, Official Receiver, reported that the provable debts amounted to 417*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, whilst the assets, valued at 37*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*, had brought nothing to credit. A previous bankruptcy was reported against the applicant in October 1889, when the liabilities amounted to 2,225*l.* and no assets were recovered. A discharge from those proceedings was obtained in May 1918. Thereafter the bankrupt carried on business as a commission merchant in chemicals and colours with money provided by his wife. A further suspension of two years was imposed.

Re Svetislav Simitch (trading as S. Simitch & Son), commission agent for food produce and chemicals, 98 Great Tower Street, E.C., and New Oxford Street, London, W.C. The public examination of this debtor, who attended in custody, was held on November 26, before Mr. Registrar Mellor, at the London Bankruptcy Court. The accounts showed liabilities 2,635*l.*, against assets valued at 14*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.* Replying to Mr. J. B. Knight, Official Receiver, the debtor stated that in March 1917 he commenced business, dealing chiefly in phosphates, sodas, soaps, and saccharin. The debt of Mr. Nicol Scaliaris, the petitioning creditor, was in respect of a judgment for 59*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* in connection with a joint venture for procuring a consignment of soap. The principal liability was 2,500*l.* due to Duckworth & Co., from whom he obtained a cheque for that amount for the purpose of procuring 200 lb. of saccharin, for the supply of which he had entered into a contract with the Bonaventura Co. The latter agreed to supply him with the goods at the price of 3,020*l.*, and he in turn sold to Duckworth & Co. for 3,100*l.* The Bonaventura Co. stipulated that he should pay the whole of the 3,020*l.* before they released the delivery order. He accordingly asked Duckworth & Co. to advance him a further 600*l.*, but they demurred, and in the meanwhile the sale contract was cancelled by the Bonaventura Co. Debtor next tried to obtain the saccharin elsewhere, but was unsuccessful, and on or about April 24 Duckworth & Co. instituted criminal proceedings, as the result of which he was convicted at the Central Criminal Court on May 31 on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences, and was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment in the second division. He lost practically the whole of the 2,500*l.* in betting and gambling. The examination was concluded, and the debtor was removed in custody.

New Companies
and Company News.

P.C. means Private Company and R.O. Registered Office.

J. Davis (Pharmacies), Ltd. (P.C.).—Capital 2,500*l.* Objects: To carry on the business of wholesale and retail chemists, druggists, drysalters, oil and colour men, manufacturers of and dealers in pharmaceutical, medicinal, chemical, industrial and other preparations, perfumes, etc. R.O., 66 East Street, Barking.

Joint-stock Companies.—Notice is given in the "London Gazette" that the following companies will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the Register and the companies be dissolved: Isle of Thanet Mineral Water Co., Ltd.; Patrice Toilet Specialities, Ltd.; Plants Plantoids, Ltd.

German Chemical Dividends.—Gebr. Heyl & Co. (chemical factory), in Charlottenburg, have declared a dividend of 5 per cent. The board has written off the participation in foreign companies.—The Chemical Works Walter Stromer A.-G., Rodenkirchen, have decided to raise the share capital to mk.2 million, and to change the name of the firm to "Chemische Fabriken Rodenkirchen A.-G."—According to the yearly report of the Stassfurt Chemical Works, formerly Vorster & Gruneberg, in Stassfurt, the difficulties arising from the war have had a bad effect on the business. The production of potash has suffered under the inadequate maximum selling price fixed by the Government, which in no way corresponded with the increased costs of running expenses and wages. It was only, however, the energetic working of other concerns belonging to this company which enabled the total returns to be more favourable than in the preceding year. A net profit of mk.646,241 was realised, and a dividend of 10 per cent. is announced.

Wills.

Professor Alfred Senier, M.D., Ph.D., 28 Herbert Park, Donnybrook, Dublin, who died on June 29, has left personal property of the value of 3,826*l.* 9*s.*

Mr. Alfred Mumford, Ph.C., Gillingham, Dorset, who died on September 26, left estate valued at 2,316*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* gross, with net personalty 2,287*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*

Mr. Thomas Dobinson, chemist and druggist, Bishop Auckland, who died on January 18, left estate valued at 2,674*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.* gross, with net personalty 814*l.* 10*s.*

Birth.

Whitehead. — At 71 Bideford Gardens, Monkseaton, Northumberland, on November 20, the wife of Robert L. Whitehead (James F. Wilkinson's Exors., Pendleton), of a son.

Marriages.

Cheshire—Bayes.—At the Friends' Meeting House, Carlton Hills, Leeds, on November 19, Reginald Arthur Cheshire, chemist and druggist, to Margaret Eleanor, daughter of Walter R. Bayes, Leeds.

Henderson—Craig.—At Dumfries, on November 9, Alexander Kello Henderson, chemist, Kirkcudbright, to Jessie Muriel, daughter of the late William Craig, Milnthird, Castle-Douglas.

Deaths.

Bennett.—At 105 North Road, Levenshulme, Manchester, on November 26, of pneumonia following influenza, Harold Bennett, aged seventeen, apprentice with Mr. John Cleworth, 56 Ducie Street, Greenheys, Manchester.

Boa.—At Edinburgh, on November 21, Catherine Glover Hawley, wife of Mr. Peter Boa, Ph.C., 64 Morningside Drive, Edinburgh.

Clark.—At Bury St. Edmunds, last week, from influenza, Olive, daughter of Alderman Owen A. Clark, J.P., chemist and druggist, Mayor of the borough, aged twenty-five.

Craven.—At 13 Gledhow Wood Avenue, Leeds, on October 29, Mr. Henry Ernest Craven, chemist and druggist, aged fifty-five.

Donnelly.—At Dungannon, recently, Mr. Daniel Donnelly, Ph.C., aged thirty-five. Mr. Donnelly obtained the licence of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland in 1905.

Jeanes.—At 26 Braithwaite Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, on November 2, Mr. George Jeanes, chemist and druggist, aged sixty-five.

Jeffrey.—At 433 King's Road, Chelsea, London, S.W., recently, from pneumonia following influenza, Sarah Anne, wife of John E. Jeffrey, chemist.

Perkins.—At Shrewsbury, on November 24, Mr. Christopher Perkins, chemist and druggist, aged seventy-five. Mr. Perkins, who was uncle to Mr. T. R. Perkins, pharmacist, Henley-in-Arden, and to Mr. G. M. Perkins, pharmacist, Knighton, passed the Modified examination in 1870, and from that year until 1906 was in business at Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury. On giving up business he took up his residence at Bridgnorth, but returned to Shrewsbury a few years ago.

Sharp.—At 4 High Street, Loanhead, on November 18, Mr. Alexander Sharp, chemist and druggist, aged thirty-one. He qualified as a chemist last year.

Vennall.—At 87 Beaconsfield Villas, Preston Park, Brighton, on November 10, Mr. George Vennall, chemist and druggist, aged seventy-nine.

Wanklyn.—At 6 West Heath Avenue, London, N.W. 3, on November 19, of paralysis, Blanche May, wife of Mr. H. A. Wanklyn, 17 Manchester Avenue, E.C. 1.

Died on Service.

Cormack.—Second-Lieutenant Sidney Cormack, R.F.A., son of Mr. John Cormack, chemist and druggist, St. John's, Corstorphine, has died of wounds in France.

Henry.—At Port Talbot, on November 18, Private Cyril Henry, late of the Royal Sussex Regiment, son of Mr. Ll. Henry, Maesycwrt. Private Henry had served his apprenticeship with Mr. L. U. Lewis, chemist, Port Talbot, and when he enlisted was employed by a Worthing chemist. He had been wounded twice, and was discharged from the Army a few months ago, but succumbed to the effect of wounds.

Lee.—Private Harry Lee, 2nd York and Lancaster Regiment, was killed in action in France on October 17, aged twenty-three. Prior to enlistment Private Lee was assistant with Mr. W. E. Metcalfe, Ph.C., the Saltaire Pharmacy, Shipley.

Loveluck.—Lieutenant Clifford A. Loveluck, 5th R.W.F., eldest son of Mr. G. D. Loveluck, Central Pharmacy, Aberavon, died in France on November 20 after a short illness. Lieutenant Loveluck was before joining the Army a dental student at Guy's Hospital, London, and saw service in Gallipoli, Egypt, and France.

Orange.—Private Percy James Orange, second son of Mr. E. H. Orange, chemist and druggist, 25 High Street, Aldershot, has died of bronchial pneumonia at Etaples, after a brief illness, aged twenty-seven. Private Orange assisted in his father's business before joining the Royal Flying Corps in 1917. Afterwards he was transferred to the Hampshire Regiment, and saw much service on the Western Front. Before he joined the Forces he had made a reputation as an enterprising newspaper photographer.

Pickering.—Corporal Richard C. Pickering, R.F.A., son of late Mr. Wade Pickering, chemist, Crowle, near Doncaster, was killed in action on November 6, aged twenty-three.

Plumbe.—Private William Plumbe has died of wounds received on service. In civil life Private Plumbe was managing director of Plumbe & Richardson, Ltd., manufacturing chemists, Mansfield.

Young.—Driver Wm. Young, R.H.A., has died of malaria at Alexandria. Prior to enlisting in the Army four years ago he was assistant with Mr. John Dall, 27 Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh.

Personalities.

Mr. E. Neale, chemist and druggist, High Street, Chippenham, has been elected a member of the Food Control Committee for the borough.

Private G. Hindley, East Yorks Regiment, who enlisted two years ago while with Mr. J. Dent, chemist and druggist, Chesterfield, has been wounded. He is in a French hospital.

Mr. John Stainer, chemist and druggist, Sandgate Road, and Mr. John Jas. Giles, chemist and druggist, Guildhall Street, have been appointed to act on the Judicial Authority at Folkestone under the Lunacy Act, 1890.

Captain Alfred N. Johnson, A.S.C., and of Johnson Bros., Dublin and Belfast, has been appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire for distinguished service in connection with military operations in Mesopotamia.

Sir Herbert Parsons, writing to the "Daily Telegraph," suggests that commemorative tablets should be affixed to all buildings in this country which have been struck by Hun bombs, so as to keep in memory the diabolical visitations.

Mr. Chas. F. Barrett, director of G. B. Kent & Sons, Ltd., 75 Farringdon Road, London, E.C. 1, is appealing for entertainers for overseas troops on leave at Christmas. Any of our readers willing to take in one or two soldiers should communicate with Mr. Barrett, who adds: "Even a humble home is a palace compared to the average hut or canteen."

Private E. H. Clark, Medical Unit R.N.D., who was apprenticed to Boots, Ltd., Coventry Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in collecting wounded under heavy fire. His commanding officer adds that he has invariably been prominent for good work and fearlessness under fire while acting as a stretcher-bearer.

Mr. Herbert Oliver Lloyd, who has been elected President of the Birmingham Pharmaceutical Association (*C. & D.*, November 23, p. 46), was apprenticed with Magor, Ltd., and passed the Qualifying examination in 1907. He then purchased the business of the late G. H. Brunt, Coventry Road, Birmingham, which he has developed, and to which a wholesale manufacturing department has been added.

Mr. W. H. Saunders (Ayrton, Saunders & Co., Ltd.), Liverpool, recently delivered an address before the Liverpool Philomathic Society on "The Making of Liverpool." This is a most fascinating account of the growth of this important port from a hamlet to one of the finest cities of the British Empire. Mr. Saunders has had the address printed in pamphlet form, and those who begin it will find themselves impelled by its interest to continue the perusal until the end.

The Royal Society has awarded the Rumford medal to Professor Chas. Fabry and Dr. Alfred Perot for their contributions to optics; a Royal medal to Professor Alfred Fowler for researches on physical astronomy and spectroscopy, and to Professor F. G. Hopkins for work in chemical physiology; a Davy medal has been given to Professor F. S. Kipping for his studies in the camphor group and among the organic derivatives of nitrogen and silicon; and a Hughes medal to Mr. Irving Langmuir, Schenectady, for researches in molecular physics.

The Parliamentary Election.

Candidates for seats in the House of Commons are to be nominated on December 4 for the election which takes place on December 14. Lists of candidates are already being prepared, and contain some points of interest to chemists.

Sir Richard Winfrey, Ph.C., is Coalition Liberal candidate for South-Western Norfolk, which constituency he has represented since 1906. So far no opposition candidate has been announced. Sir Richard is an authority on agriculture and the problems connected with agricultural labourers, and in the last Parliament was joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Agriculture. His tact and urbanity are among the qualities for which he is known in the House.

Mr. W. J. Uglow Woolcock, Ph.C., who is the Coalition Liberal candidate for Central Hackney, is so far unopposed, and it looks as though at least one of the beneficiaries of the Pharmaceutical Parliamentary Fund will be successful.

Mr. W. Bennett, chemist and druggist, the Labour candidate for the Guildford Division of Surrey, is opposing Mr. W. E. Horne, the present member, a Coalition Unionist.

Mr. Marshall Freeman, barrister-at-law and pharmacist, and prospective Unionist candidate for the Ilkeston Division, whose candidature had also been endorsed by the Pharmaceutical Society, has withdrawn from the contest. He explains his reasons in the following letter addressed to the Secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society:

My dear Glyn-Jones.—General Seely, the sitting Liberal Member for the Ilkeston Division, against whom at the last two elections I have stood as Unionist candidate, having given assurances acceptable to Mr. Bonar Law, the leader of my party, that he will support the policy of the Coalition Government, I have been asked by the Unionist Whips on this occasion to stand aside. I was assured, however, that they appreciated the desire of the Pharmaceutical Society to have a representative in the House on the Unionist side, and that they would do their best to find me a seat.

I have intimated that the last thing I wish to do is to participate in the mad scramble for possible seats which at the present time is going on, as I think, to the great detriment of our national public life. It may be, therefore, that my opportunity will not come until after the General Election.

Will you therefore please convey to the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society my high appreciation of the honour they have done me by this selection, and I hope that at no distant date the object in view may be attained, and that I shall be in a position to give practical effect to my interest in all that concerns the well-being of the pharmaceutical profession, upon which rests a great and increasing responsibility in regard to the health of the people of this land.

With kind regards, believe me,
Yours sincerely,
Wm. Marshall Freeman.

Sir Thomas Robinson, Ph.C., who has been adopted as Unionist candidate for South Dublin, is managing director of Hayes, Conyngham & Robinson, Ltd. He was knighted when Chairman of the Kingstown Urban District Council in 1900, on the occasion of the visit of Queen Victoria to Ireland. Sir Thomas was formerly a Vice-President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

Another chemist who proposes to become a candidate for a seat in Parliament is Mr. Norman Blacow, chemist and druggist, Lancaster. He has served in the Army, from which he has received his discharge, and the Lancashire Branch of the National Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' Association have adopted him as their prospective representative in the House of Commons. Mr. Blacow is a native and a freeman of Lancaster, and was educated at the Friends' School. Afterwards he served his apprenticeship with Bagnall & Wilcock, obtaining other experience with Jas. Woolley, Sons & Co., Ltd., Manchester, and in London and Liverpool. He passed the Minor in 1912, and at the outbreak of the war was with Boots, Ltd. On the formation of "The Pals" Company of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, in the early days of the war, he joined them and served with them in France. In May 1915, at the second battle of Ypres, he was buried in a demolished building and severely injured. He returned to England, residing at Southport, and afterwards was given an appointment with the R.A.M.C. and had responsible duties in the Mediterranean. He served for two years and three months in the Eastern Mediterranean. He had both arms broken through an explosion on one of H.M. transports, and was on a hospital ship which was mined in a rough sea. He was finally discharged from the Army a fortnight ago. Mr. Blacow has pronounced views on the position chemists have occupied in the Army during the war. He is opposed by three other candidates—a Coalition Unionist, a Liberal, and a Farmer candidate.

Mr. Norman Blacow.

Mr. Wm. Shadforth, Ph.C., who is standing as a health candidate for North-East Bethnal Green, is opposing Sir Edwin Cornwall, who was Chairman of the National Health Commission under the late Government. Mr. Shadforth is including in his campaign condemnation of the action of the Government in passing the Venereal Disease Act, which increases the difficulty of obtaining treatment of venereal disease, encourages immorality by inviting persons to commit adultery, and prevents the recommendation of any medicament as a prophylactic for venereal disease. In regard to the National Insurance Act, the local medical men have promised to support Mr. Shadforth if he will agree to advocate payment for each visit of insured persons. Mr. Shadforth has agreed to this. Some of the local chemists are glad to have the opportunity of emphasising by means of this election what they think of the Insurance Commissioners.

Westminster Wisdom.

By the "C. & D." Parliamentary Representative

Parliament Dissolved.

A Proclamation was issued on November 25 dissolving Parliament and calling a new Parliament.

Dentist Acts Committee.

Our Parliamentary correspondent states that what would in all probability have proved to be the final meeting of the Departmental Committee on the Dentist Acts was summoned for last week. It was found, however, that one of the members of the Committee was unable to be in attendance, and as a consequence the meeting was cancelled. No date has yet been fixed for the resumption of the inquiry, and, indeed, there may be some delay in view of the Election.

Thorium Nitrate Industry.

Questions were asked in the House of Commons on November 20 regarding conservation to the British Empire of the monazite supplies of India. The reply given by Mr. Montagu (Secretary of State for India) was that the Government of India is fully alive to the importance of preventing the Travancore deposits from falling again under foreign control. Mr. Pratt, on behalf of the Treasury, said that the question of the manufacture of thorium nitrate from monazite sand is under consideration.

Gratuity to Soldiers.

Mr. Bonar Law stated, in answering a question of Mr. Denniss', in the House of Commons on November 20, that a special gratuity would be payable to the warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Army and Royal Air Force when demobilised on the cessation of hostilities. The gratuity would be based upon service, both as to length and nature. It would be paid to every man who had joined, either voluntarily or compulsorily, either of the Forces from August 4, 1914, up to the time of his discharge. It would also be payable to men already demobilised and to the trustees and next-of-kin of such men as had been killed, such amounts being based on the length of service as from the time of enlistment until the date of death.

The scale for men who have served overseas is to be as follows: For the private, 5*l.* for the first year, with 10*s.* per month in addition after the first year; corporal, 6*l.*, with like addition; sergeant, 8*l.*; warrant officer, Class II., 12*l.*; and warrant officer, Class I., 15*l.*, with same additions for subsequent period of service. Five years is the limit for assessment of gratuity. Five years' service entitles a private to 29*l.*, and the highest rank of warrant officer to 39*l.* The scale for the man who has done home service only is based upon the same amount for the first year—namely, 5*l.* private, 6*l.* corporal, 8*l.* sergeant, 12*l.* warrant officer, Class II., and 15*l.* warrant officer, Class I. The additions, however, are at the rate of 5*s.* for the subsequent period of service, making for the five years' service 17*l.* for the private and 27*l.* for the warrant officer, Class I.

Trade Notes.

Methylated Spirit.—Restrictions on the sale of and use of mineralised methylated spirit are to be removed as from December 2. Manufacturers will therefore be able to execute orders for spirit from their regular customers.

Overton's Foot-Balm.—The proprietors, R. H. Allen & Co., announce that they are prepared to supply poison-labels to be affixed to stocks which chemists may hold of Overton's Foot-Balm. An advertisement in this issue gives the wholesale and retail prices.

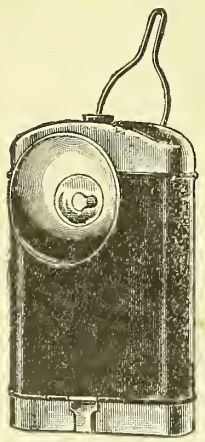
Concentrated Perfumes.—As Christmas presents Henri Freres' concentrated perfumes made by Ayrton, Saunders & Co., Ltd., Liverpool, are worth attention. The prices are given in an advertisement in this issue, with an illustration giving an idea of the high-class packing.

Hippurates.—The manufacture of the hippurates of sodium, ammonium, and lithium has been taken up by Southall Bros. & Barclay, Ltd., Birmingham. The hippurates are administered in cases of hypertension and in arterial pressure, as well as in the preventive treatment of gout and arteriosclerosis.

British Metol. — Johnson & Sons (Manufacturing Chemists), Ltd., 23 Cross Street, Finsbury, London, E.C. 2, announce that larger quantities of Metol-Johnson will be available now that the Armistice has been signed. Very large quantities have been supplied for Army purposes, and it is anticipated that the demands from that quarter will rapidly diminish.

Carmol.—The Carmol Manufacturing Co., 28 Bath Row, Birmingham, have sent us samples of Carmol skin tablets, which is the speciality in regard to which the firm is making a special offer. Carmol tablets are packed in card boxes with a hinged top, and are attached in dozens to a show-card. The colour of the packages and cards is red. The tablets sell at 1½*d.*, 4½*d.*, and 9*d.* each.

Electric Pocket-lamp.—The approach of a General Election tends to the greater use of electric pocket-lamps. Ward & Goldstone, Sampson Works, Salford, Manchester, inform us that one of the most popular lamps for the purpose is that figured here. It has a lens at the front, and an attachment so that the lamp can be hung on to a coat button. The lamp is known as "512."



Cadbury's Cocoa.—The Food Controller is still urging people to drink cocoa, so that it is not out of place to call attention to the fact that Bournville cocoa, Cadbury's cocoa-essence, and Cadbury's cocoa-and-milk powder are obtainable as usual. The last-named article is particularly popular just now, as the milk-powder renders it unnecessary to deplete further the limited domestic supplies of milk.

"Wellcome" Influenza Vaccine.—The "Wellcome" brand influenza vaccine, mixed, answers all the requirements formulated at the recent conference on preventive vaccination for influenza held at the War Office. It presents in correct relative proportions the organisms specified, and includes more than twenty strains isolated from cases occurring during the present epidemic. It is prepared at the Wellcome Physiological Research Laboratories, and each c.c. contains 60 millions *B. influenzæ*, 200 millions *pneumococci*, 80 millions *streptococci*. The first dose is 0.5 c.c., and 1 c.c. represents the "second dose" as laid down by the Conference. The vaccine is issued by Burroughs Wellcome & Co. in 1 c.c. phials and 25 c.c. rubber-capped bottles.

Wellcome Photographic Exposure Record.—It is certain that with the New Year photography will again become a popular pastime. Restrictions upon its exercise have already been removed and a reduction made in the high prices for photographic material. On this account the "Wellcome Photographic Record and Diary, 1919," should enjoy a large sale. A copy which we have received shows no influence of the war upon the quality of the production, and the literary contents are prepared with the conciseness to which the book has accustomed its readers. The two larger illustrations are a view by Mr. Merl la Voy of an American Red Cross camp in the Balkans, and a study of a silkworm on a leaf by Mr. H. Woods, Darwen. The other features—*e.g.*, diary pages and exposure meter—remain.

Trade-marks Applied for.

The figures in parentheses refer to the classes in which the marks are grouped, for a list of which, with particulars as to registration, see "The Chemist and Druggist Diary," 1917, p. 220.

(*From "The Trade-marks Journal," October 16, 1918.*)

"Town Talk"; for a chemical coal-saver (1). By J. H. Pexton, 56 Devon Road, Leeds, 384,668.

"Antimick," "Aunty-mic," and "Antimic"; for chemicals (2). By J. E. C. Lord, Borough Road, Weaste, Manchester. 384,523/4/5. (Associated.)

"Enolin"; for all goods (2, 43, and 45). "Lolin"; for all goods (42 and 45). "Lu-Lu"; for all goods (43). "Lou-Lou"; for all goods (44). By A. Carreras, 207 King Street, Hammersmith, W. 6. 384,968/972/977/969/974/971/973. (Associated.)

"Protohumo"; for manures (2). By J. R. Robinson, The Half-Moon Hotel, The Square, Stockton-on-Tees. 385,153.

"Lystol Brand Antiseptic"; for medicinal chemicals (3). By J. E. Jewell, 5 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. 1. 383,748.

"National"; for medicinal chemicals (3) and for surgical instruments, etc. (11). "Velvetone"; for perfumery, etc. (48). By Boot's Pure Drug Co., Ltd., 37 Station Street, Nottingham. 385,010 (associated), 385,035, 384,920.

Device formed from letter "P"; for all goods (8). By J. Pillischer, 88 New Bond Street, W. 1. 384,553. (Associated.)

"Limbro"; for margarine, etc. (42). "Comfy" over picture of child in bed ("Comfy" disclaimed); for goods (47). By Lever Bros., Ltd., Port Sunlight. 383,136, 382,847. (Associated.)

"Democrat," "Whippet," and "Wavelet"; for all goods (42). By H. Savory & Co., Ltd., 211 High Street, Lewisham, S.E. 13. 384,577/769/770.

"Genatosan"; for dietetic food preparations (42). By Genatosan, Ltd., 12 Chenies Street, W.C. 1. 385,040. (Associated.)

"Flavoline" on shield with device of letters "J O"; for hair lotions (48). By J. Crutzen, 127 Rue de la Gare, Aubel, Belgium. 383,466.

More Tales of Oenophus.

V.—Onne Deth by Boylynge.

Itte hath bene recorded in Thys Booke that ye Boylynge of Poysoners was a Favouryte Pastyme of Bye-Gone Dayes. Noe doubt Boylynge hath Ittes Merritts e'en atte ye Presente Tyme and ye Subjeck induceth Speculationes.

Onne can imagine Warre-Wearie Veteraynes withe Majore Qualificationes holdynge Communione withe Fryed Fyshe in ye Cooke-Houses of ye Grete Brytyshe Armie. Suche are needful, seeynge that Bacone-and-Fyshe Fryinge are Farmazootickal Operationes, whereas Expertes inne Cookerie are Ideale Dyspenseres of Medicamentes for ye Sicke and Wounded.

Boylynge inno Oylo seemeth fyttynge for ye Brayne that conceiveth Suche Brylliance.

Peradventure Ye, as Kraftsmenne, receive Requisitione from Superiore Practytioner inne Physick for a Philtre eontaynynge Strychnyne inno Halfe-Drachm Doses. After Savynge ye Face of ye Physiciane and ye Lyfe of ye Patiente your Rewarde more often Than Notte is Contumelie.

Of a Surotie, Boylynge inne Alcohole seemeth Moste Fyttynge for Such anne Occasione.

Haply ye Over-Lordes inne Farmazooticks, with Proddynges from Behynde, make Representationes to ye Powers-That-Be for a Lyvynge Wage for ye Servitores of Physick. Muche Secretcie and Manye Interviewynges withe Ministeres of ye Croune produceth anothere Poynte-Onne of a Pennie. Ye whiche is Humblie and Gratefullie Accepted.

Inne Suche Case Boylynge inne Vytriole is ye Onne and Onlio Remedie.

Information Department.

INFORMATION WANTED.

233/5. "Uro-pine" pastilles
232/57. Andrews' combination bronchitis and tea kettles
227/34. "B.L." brand tooth-powder
229/9. Martell's pills
229/9. Guymal's almond oil and syrup
238/2. Holmes' liver salt
237/24. Devi Frères brilliantine, etc.

INFORMATION SUPPLIED.

"Albion" milk and sulphur soap, 234/58
"Capsol" dyes, 234/47
Carbon bisulphide, 235/21
"Chili" paste (Smedley), 234/58
"Confellax," 230/30
Infuudin, 221/31
Langdale's cinnamon tablets, 222/60
Michel's clips for sutures, 221/60
Moller's cod-liver oil, 222/61
"Oxydoin," 221/30
Toilet-paper, 226/33

Observations and Reflections

By Xrayser II.

Fifty

is perhaps the best age of a man's life; the heats of youth, its follies, its impatience, are or should be past, and the decay of power has not only not set in but does not yet threaten us. Fifty, in fact, is not the ridge between youth and age, but is on a kind of tableland of indefinite extent on which the flight of time is less marked and our energies are more at our own command than in ascending to it on the one side or descending from it on the other. Mr. Skinner is to be congratulated on having attained it, with the prospect of retaining his full vigour for many years, and his brother pharmacists may well congratulate themselves too that such is the case. It was a graceful thing for the Progressive Pharmacy Club (or some of its members) to celebrate his Jubilee as they did; and not his personal friends only, but all who have the interests of pharmacy at heart will join with them in wishing him many happy returns of the day.

His Letter on Unrealised Ideals

is a capital illustration of Mr. Skinner's political sense. He has the true constructive faculty, and he looks before and after. There is, as he says, "The age-long conflict with the apothecaries" behind us, in front there is the widening field of medical science in which the chemist and the microscopist will find so much to do; and only by strengthening our present position by the settlement of that old dispute can we reasonably expect to occupy the place we so honourably covet in the future. Until our right to dispense is as well established as that of the doctor to prescribe further advance is not to be looked for; we must first secure our base and communications. The question of assistants and the Assistants' Union is closely connected with this. Pharmacists' and apothecaries' assistants are, as regards the nature of their work, on the same level; they ought to be a bridge for communication between the two professions, not a cause of division. A *rapprochement* between the assistants might prove a step towards a reconciliation between the two bodies they work for, and it might almost certainly be brought about by overtures from our side. If the Apothecaries' Company could be induced to give up their Assistants' examination, and it, or an equivalent Assistants' examination, were adopted by the Pharmaceutical Society and accepted by them in its place, a long step would be taken towards that complete severance of dispensing from prescribing for which virtually everybody contends as the ideal we should aim at. Surely, by a little mutual concession, so simple a matter as this theoretically is might be arranged.

Mr. Sargeant's Advocacy

of the Council Committee's organisation scheme leaves untouched all the objections I urged against it three weeks since, and needs no further criticism. It was prefaced by the astounding statement that the drug-trade is not an industry within the meaning of the Whitley Report. The pharmacist does not employ assistants, but works with "paid colleagues," and these so few and temporary that they do not count. The appearance of such bodies as the Assistants' Association, the Assistants' Union, and of the large companies with shops run entirely by employees, is therefore (we must suppose) a mere mirage; these things have no objective existence—how can they have, if we have no assistants? Such talk as this is unworthy of serious consideration, and by indulging in it Mr. Sargeant showed small respect for his audience. And what right or reason could the wholesalers have for resenting the interference of retailers associated with them in an Industrial Council? In what sense would or could there be any interference in such a case? Absolutely none. Moreover, the Pharmaceutical Society does not represent the drug-trade, but only a part of it, and that part not as an industry pure and simple, as the Whitley Report requires. Mr. Sargeant seems to have repeated all this nonsense at Bradford.

To Retire from the Panel,

as I understand a good many men are proposing to do, in disgust with the terms arranged for 1919, natural as the impulse is, would be a greater mistake now than ever, for now, if ever, the time is at hand for reaping the fruit of our past patience. To continue in the service hitherto has been regarded as patriotic; it is equally the case that not to remain in it now would be disloyal, not indeed to the State, but to the craft to which we belong. The reward I have spoken of, though the time for it is at hand, will not be secured without an effort, and only by continuing on the panel can we effectively help to secure it. How may we do this? In our official circle "war-weariness" is regarded as the reason for these threatened withdrawals, but this is putting the saddle on the wrong horse; the real reason is weariness, not of the war, but of the futile tactics of the Council. We have been fooled so long by its ineptitude that some of us are in despair of ever improving our position. As I have said, that is natural enough, but to act on the feeling is none the less a mistake; it is like cancelling a debt just when payment can be most effectually demanded. The Society has for years fed us with promises of vigorous action, and now is the time for insisting on their redemption. If this is delayed, or is unsuccessful, then will come the time for resigning in a body, but meanwhile we must remain where we can continue to press our case.

Aleppo,

like Damascus, was formerly a place of immense importance in the trade of the East, being before the discovery of the Cape route on the high-road from Europe to India. From Tripoli, then the chief port of Syria, the caravans started, and Aleppo, the great Mart—"the greatest place of traffique for a dry town that is in all those parts," said Eldred in 1583—was only a few days' journey away. The descriptions given of it and its surroundings (including its famous gardens) by Ranwolff and other travellers show it to have been as pleasant a place as it was important, and at the height of its prosperity its population is said to have been a quarter of a million. Ranwolff stayed there for some months and collected specimens of its flora for his great collection. The more important of these he describes at length in his ninth chapter. Here apparently he first met with *chaube* (coffee) and *tscherbeth* (sherbet). This was in 1573. He describes at great length the use (and abuse) of opium by the Turks. From Aleppo the caravans proceeded by way of Bir, Babylon, and Balsara, to Ormuz, and thence to Goa, by sea. Eldred (in Hakluyt) has a list of 116 articles, mostly drugs and spices, carried by this route, with the charges on each.

"Crow-Figs,"

a term which occurs in the abortive Poison Bill of 1748 cited in Mr. Woolley's address on the Jubilee of the Pharmacy Act, 1868, puzzled me until I was reminded that it is an old name for nux vomica. I cannot indeed find it under *Crow* in the Oxford English Dictionary, or in any other dictionary of standard English, but it occurs in the work named under *Nux vomica*, in a quotation from a treatise of Dr. James's (the fever-powder man), who speaks of "the crow-fig, commonly called *nux vomica*." The reason for the name may be gathered from what Gerard says of this nut: "The powder of the nut mixed with some flesh and cast unto Crowes and other ravenous fowls doth kill or at least so dull their sences that you may take them with your hands." Parkinson makes a similar statement, and Quincy says the nut is made into a paste to stupefy fish with. The term crow-fig, I have since ascertained, occurs in the English Dialect Dictionary as a Shropshire word, with an illustrative quotation. I had looked for it in vain in Nares and in Halliwell.

The German who is now anxious to fall in with the views of our countries has yet to show by actions, not merely of one or two days or one or two years, but by actions in the future, that the whole spirit of Germany has changed as we wish it to change before we can ever believe in our hearts that the German has changed from what he was before the war.—*Lord Reading.*

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Editorial Articles.

Medical Research.

THE Fourth Annual Report of the Medical Research Committee (Cd. 8981, 4*d.*), just issued, deals with the administration of the Medical Research Fund during the year ended September 30, 1918. Naturally, the bulk of the work done has been in connection with ailments and diseases arising out of the war, and there is not a great deal of interest for the chemist. At the General Hospital, Boulogne, Sir Almroth Wright and his assistants have continued the study of the defensive mechanisms of the body against wound-infections, provided by the leucocytes of the blood and lymph. In the department of biochemistry and pharmacology Dr. H. H. Dale has undertaken, along with Professor A. N. Richards, of Pennsylvania University, a detailed examination into the actions of histamine (β-iminazolylethalmine) and other substances upon the arterial and capillary systems. This is in relation to the physiology of shell-shock, and apparently the experimental study of the actions of histamiue, adrenaline, and acetylcholine upon the peripheral blood-vessels has thrown some light on this complex subject. In this connection also the Report states that "Vital Red" is now available in adequate quantity for blood-testing purposes. In the department of applied physiology Dr. Benjamin Moore, F.R.S., has done some valuable work on the action of light-rays on organic compounds and the photo-synthesis of organic from inorganic compounds in the presence of inorganic colloids. Dealing with the work done in the treatment of tuberculosis, the Committee reports that in Dublin Dr. Crofton, with the chemical assistance of Dr. J. Algar, has continued his experimental work on the therapeutic value of sodium gynocardate and some iodine derivatives. At the same time examinations have been carried out in another Dublin laboratory of the toxicity of a long series of synthetic dyes submitted by Dr. Algar, and determination of their powers *in vitro* of restraining the growth of the tubercle bacillus. In war-work much attention has been paid to the treatment of infected wounds and the study of antiseptics. Principal among these have been chloramine-T. and dichloramine-T., acriflavine and proflavine, and homoflavine. The last-named (prepared by Professor Pope, F.R.S., of Cambridge University) has been tried by surgeons in France working in conjunction with bacteriologists, and the results show that the bactericidal activity of homoflavine is apparently far higher than that of acriflavine under similar conditions, while in all other respects homoflavine seems to be equivalent to proflavine in use

and convenience. In the course of studying the outbreak of cerebro-spinal fever suggestions were made for methods of preparing more potent anti-meningococcus serum of standard quality. By the combined efforts of Dr. Stanley Griffith and Colonel Mervyn Gordon a new serum was evolved the clinical value of which has been found to be highly favourable. Colonel Gordon has also published a preliminary report on the experimental production of meningococcus anti-endotoxin. The medical problems of chemical warfare and the treatment of "gassed" cases have likewise led to considerable research, and the Committee conducted, on behalf of the Board of Trade, the biological testing of various preparations of salvarsan and neo-salvarsan of British and French origin. A grant for apparatus and expenses has been made towards work now being done by Captain A. F. Wright, at the Lichfield Military Hospital, upon the technique of salvarsan administration and its improvement. Finally we find that the Committee have given assistance, by the supply of apparatus, to Miss F. R. Saunders, D.Sc., in her work at Cambridge on the breeding of foxgloves. This work is primarily a study of Mendelian laws, but it has revealed unexpected interest for pharmacists. The yield of digitaline is found to be correlated with the external characters of smoothness or hairiness of the leaf, and these can be controlled by breeding on scientific principles. The Committee have provided the expenses for the necessary estimation by biological methods of the digitaline-content of many samples of leaves submitted by Miss Saunders for examination, and the work has been undertaken by Dr. W. L. Symes at the Physiological Laboratory of the London University.

Market Price Prospects.

Signs have not been wanting since the termination of hostilities, of an appreciable relaxation of the conditions governing the import and export restrictions. A fortnight ago a considerable quantity of chemicals and drugs was transferred from the "A" export list (prohibited to all destinations) to the "C" list (prohibited only to countries contiguous to enemy countries), and this week we again publish a further list (p. 48) which will be eagerly scanned by exporters. At the same time a few concessions have been made among import prohibitions, and open general licences have been granted to import almonds, aerated mineral and table waters, fatty acids, methyl alcohol, perfumery and toilet preparations, photographic apparatus, soap, etc. As the weeks roll by and increased tonnage becomes available these relaxations of restrictions will no doubt be considerably extended; and as we close for press we notice the United States has removed the export embargo on many drugs and chemicals. This, together with the substantial reduction in freights and insurance (the latter in some important instances from one-eighth to three-eighths per cent. only), should make for a decline in the price of raw materials, and this is already observable in Mincing Lane—*e.g.*, there has already been a decided reaction in spices like pepper, ginger and cloves, while at the auction sales last week nutmegs and mace declined over 50 per cent. in value. This is, of course, an indication of what may happen in other produce as larger supplies become available. Seeds like coriander, cumin, dill, canary, fenugreek, and fennel, have all more or less a downward tendency as buyers are not keen on operating. Sugar has become much more plentiful as evidenced by the increased allotments to manufacturers, including druggists. The increased supply has naturally had a demoralising effect on saccharin, and it is only a matter of time when the use of this sweetener will be confined to aerated-water makers and food-manufacturers. Meanwhile there are likely to be much larger supplies of toluol available shortly, as the intention to terminate Government contracts has been announced; the same applies to benzol, ammonia, and ammonia products (with the exception of sulphate of ammonia), so that customers will be able to get their full requirements without difficulty and at lower prices. Carbolic and cresylic acids are also practically free of control. So far there is no alteration in price, but it is anticipated that early in 1919 a decline in the present high values must be expected. There has been a large demand for carbolic acid for Japan, but this may now cease, and peace-time industries at home will no doubt compensate to some extent for the loss of Government trade. Among other druggists' articles, largely increased supplies of crushed linseed have lately been released by the Ministry of Food to cope with the active demand by the public for influenza treatment. Arrangements have also been made to release better quantities of pharmaceutical castor oil through the Drug Club, but of course the general situation in fixed oils must be dominated by the question of imports and tonnage. Glycerin, as intimated a fortnight ago, is now available for industrial purposes at lower prices. As regards perfumers' synthetic raw materials, a considerable reduction is looked for in coumarin, heliotropin, terpineol, artificial musk crystals, vanillin and so on. During the war many of these products have been obtained from Switzerland and Holland, but whether they were wholly manufactured in those countries is extremely doubtful: at the same time, the industry has been very profitable to those neutrals. There is, of course, little room for a decline in salicylates, phenazone, aspirin, and camphor at the moment; citric and tartaric acids may remain much as they are, being governed by stringent conditions at primary sources, but cream of tartar is lower. Several of the synthetic and pharmaceutical chemicals made in the United States, like acetanilide, bromides, chloral hydrate, hexamine, milk-sugar, and the benzoates, dropped on the signing of the Armistice, and although there is no pronounced slump, a weak undertone is noticeable among many of them. From now onwards high-priced drugs, like cascara sagrada, senega, turmeric, and calumba, must gradually ease as larger supplies become available. Easier conditions have of late prevailed in the industrial spirit market as increased supplies have been available for manufacturing purposes at lower prices. Mineralised methylated spirit will also be freely available shortly, and it would not be surprising to see a reduction in price. In reference to future export trade it should be noted that all the continental markets, the Far East, and our own Colonies are more or less starved for chemicals, drugs, and medicines, and already there are large orders awaiting execution, but those entrusted with them prefer to hold aloof for the present, as much of the business cannot be arranged under the present licensing system, and it is felt that better can be done by waiting. It is therefore absolutely necessary to eliminate control to the utmost extent consistent with safety as business men are becoming more impatient daily.

Shellac-cultivation in India.

Mr. C. S. Misra, First Assistant to the Imperial Entomologist, Pusa, publishes some interesting details in reference to the present position of lac-cultivation in India in the August issue of the "Agricultural Journal of India." The Report is principally intended for the benefit of persons who have started or are about to start the cultivation of lac in India, owing to the present abnormally high prices. It is a remarkable fact that the greater number of such attempts have been made in localities where success must be regarded as very doubtful, whilst fewer attempts are being made in localities where lac-cultivation is already an assured success. Mr. Misra points out that India owns practically a monopoly for shellac, and various efforts have been made to capture some of the trade in this product. For the last few years the Japanese have been trying to grow lac in Formosa on the tree *Schleichera trijuga*, which abounds in the country, and Kusumb brood-lac was despatched from Pusa. The Germans have also experimented with lac-cultivation at Amami in (late) German East Africa. For this purpose Dr. Morstadt took a small consignment of *ber* brood-lac to Amami, but no successful results have been recorded. Specimens of *Zizyphus jujuta* brood-lac were also taken to Egypt, but again no results appear to have been attained. Misra states that when prices rise, as in 1905-7

and again in 1915-16, attempts are made to oust the natural product from the market with a synthetic material. But—states Misra—the attempts prove abortive, as the constituents of the synthetic product either cannot be obtained in bulk, or the cost of manufacturing it leaves very little margin of profit to the manufacturer. In this particular we cannot agree with Mr. Misra. We are informed by Mr. Ernest J. Parry, who is the official analyst to the shellac-market in London, that there is no such thing as synthetic lac. Mixtures of various resins, such as copal, colophony, etc., are regularly manufactured both in this country and in Germany; but they could never deceive the shellac-user, and were and are merely imitations of, or substitutes for, shellac. Plenty is being made in London to-day, but the reason it does not even interfere with the shellac-trade is that it is an entirely different and inferior article. Misra considers that, in order to ensure a sufficient quantity of stick-lac being readily available in the market, it will be necessary to improve the methods of cultivation which are practised in different parts of the country. But we really cannot accept Mr. Misra's views on lac in many directions, so that we hesitate in regard to those on which we should desire information. For example, he says: "Prior to 1908, when lac-dye was a marketable item of considerable importance, it paid the cultivator as well as the manufacturer to pay for stick-lac which was rich in colouring-matter. But now, with the introduction and extensive use of aniline and other dyes, lac-dye has sunk into insignificance and is not of much commercial importance." We can only speak for Great Britain, but we scarcely think the conditions are different elsewhere, and we can say that it is scarcely within the memory of any but the oldest of London merchants and brokers that a case of lac-dye has been seen on this market. Lac-dye has been dead for a generation and more. According to Misra the fact that the cultivators remove the lac before swarming has taken place is really responsible for the shortage in the supply of lac. He recommends that all the lac should be removed from the trees a fortnight before swarming takes place, and be placed on trees already pruned for the purpose. In Sind the lac insect flourishes best on the babul (*Acacia arabica*), and over three-fourths of the lac collected and imported from Karachi is obtained from this source. Misra recommends that a dozen nurseries should be established for the preparation and distribution of pure "cultures" of the various types of insects which are suitable for the different districts and for different trees, when, he believes, excellent results would ensue.

A Clear Majority.

"Xrayser II." asked (*C. & D.*, November 2, p. 41), What is meant by a clear majority of the Pharmceutical Committees that signified approval of the Drug-Tariff terms for 1919? This we were unable to answer until we received a recent number of Mr. Hugo Wolff's "Square Topics." It appears that only 38 out of 142 Committees troubled to reply to the circular-letter of the Pharmaceutical Society. Of these 22 were acceptances, 14 were refusals, and 2 were ambiguous. This is the "clear majority" which was referred to at the Council-meeting on October 23. The fact that the figures were not given at the time made everyone suspicious. We see now why this was not done, and we also understand how it is that chemists despair of ever getting the official body to treat them as people of common sense.

Opium Scarcity.

Mr. Rooth, a Metropolitan magistrate, in inflicting a fine of 15*l.* on a Chinese seaman for illegally importing opium, said that the wounded in the London hospitals are being "starved" of the drug. At the same time the announcement is made in "The Times" that the Chinese Government has resolved to destroy by fire the remaining stocks of opium in Shanghai, estimated at 1,200 cases and of a value of about 5,000,000*l.* What a pity this opium could not have been shipped to London and released for medicinal purposes only. London wholesale druggists have to pay 70*s.* per lb. or more for opium to manufacture vital preparations, while only a few privileged manufacturers are allowed to import Indian opium under licence for morphine-making. The story of the opium scandal in China was told in the *C. & D.* of September 21 (p. 43), but it now appears as if the opium-trade is at the bottom of China's troubles at the present time, because South China suspects the Japanese of conspiring with North Chinese officials to make enormous profits out of the remaining stocks of opium. As the opium is to be destroyed in the presence of the Allies this cause of friction between North and South China should now vanish.

Overseas Trade in October.

The October Board of Trade Returns, which cover the last month of the war, are again notable for a further increase in the value of imports and a continued reduction in the value of exports, manufactured goods in particular exhibiting a heavy decline. The imports were valued at 117¾ million pounds, British exports at 42¾ millions, and re-exports of foreign and colonial merchandise at two millions. Imports of foodstuffs show a rise of over 15½ millions, while dutiable goods rose 4,152,000*l.*, this meaning a large addition to bonded goods like cocoa, tea, dried fruits, and tobacco. Imports of raw materials and partly manufactured goods were 3,300,000*l.* more, this being chiefly due to raw cotton, oil seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gum, of which only the values are given. The small advance of 58,000*l.* is shown in the imports of chemicals, drugs, dyes, and colours, the figures attaining 2,696,000*l.*; much larger imports of sulphur, calcium carbide, and myrobalans are noted in this section, while there is a substantial decline in imports of quinine, from 255,217 oz. in October last year to 640 oz. On the export side, manufactured goods declined by almost nine millions sterling to 33 millions. The decline in the chemical section was comparatively slight, only 44,700*l.* compared with October last year, our shipments reaching two millions sterling. The drug and medicine exports were valued at 252,847*l.*, against 283,622*l.* in October last year, which is satisfactory considering the conditions under which it is carried on. Among the heavy chemicals, soda compounds were active, shipments being 535,362 cwt. or almost 100,000 cwt. better; the chief improvements were in soda ash and soda sulphate. Copper sulphate declined from 3,287 tons to 2,846 tons and bleaching-powder from 5,596 cwt. to 1,845 cwt. Last month we practically ceased re-exporting oil seeds, oils, etc., the value tumbling down by 651,000*l.* to a mere 86,000*l.*, this apparently showing that we are able to handle all imports of this produce.

Income-tax Reform.

Our Parliamentary correspondent states that an early announcement may be expected to be made in the new Parliament regarding the long-promised inquiry into the question of the reform of the income-tax laws. Such an investigation was foreshadowed by the late Prime Minister several years ago, and the promise then made has since been repeated by the present Chancellor of the Exchequer, the only apparent question at issue being as to whether the inquiry should be by Royal Commission or a Treasury Departmental Committee. It may be remembered that there has been no such examination since the Select Committee of the House of Commons considered the question a good many years ago under the chairmanship of the late Sir Charles Dilke, M.P. The whole matter is closely bound up with after-war reconstruction problems, and the opportunity now presented would appear to be a particularly favourable one for having such an investigation. This would be directed towards the codification of the law into a simple and intelligible form, and also towards reducing, as Mr. Asquith stated at the time, to something like scientific simplicity and practical convenience the network which has grown up over the whole ground in regard to exemptions, abatement, and all the various relaxations in one direction or another at present scattered over more than forty Acts of Parliament in addition to numerous Inland Revenue Orders.

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Further particulars can be obtained by consulting "The Chemist & Druggist Diary, 1919," and War Emergency Notes.

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Associations' Winter Session.

Bolton.—The opening meeting of the session of the Bolton Pharmacists' Association was held on November 14, when the officers were re-elected. The War Auxiliary Benevolent Fund was warmly supported, and it is anticipated that a goodly sum will be subscribed locally.

Bournemouth.—A meeting of the Bournemouth Pharmaceutical Association was held on November 22, the President (Mr. T. Boyle) in the chair, when a resolution was passed respecting the new terms of discount allowed by Allen & Hanburys, Ltd., and requesting the Council of the Proprietary Articles Trade Association to take up the matter. The Secretary reported that 55 notices had been sent to the pharmacies in the district, of which 39 were in favour of closing at 7 P.M., 8 against, and 8 had not replied; and that of the 47 returned, 43 were in favour of no copies of prescriptions being given except at the doctor's request, while 4 were against. The whole of the notices returned were in favour of not stocking Elliman's embrocation. The Secretary also reported that he had up to date received 194*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* on behalf of the War Auxiliary Benevolent Fund. The report of the Face Value Committee was read and approved. A discussion on the report of the Organisation Committee of the Pharmaceutical Society was opened by Mr. H. J. Martin (Christchurch) in a very able address, and it was decided to hold a special meeting to discuss the matter more fully. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Martin.

Chesterfield.—A meeting of the Chesterfield Pharmacists' Association was held on November 19, Mr. S. E. Greaves presiding. For the War Auxiliary Benevolent Fund over 100*l.* was promised by the members present. The scale of fees for Insurance dispensing for 1919 was discussed, and although the members thought the remuneration far from satisfactory, they decided to continue on the panel for another year. An interesting paper was given by Mr. J. R. D. Barfoot, entitled *The Genesis of the Elements*, which was so appreciated by the members present that Mr. Barfoot was warmly thanked and requested to repeat the paper at a future date.

Edinburgh.—The opening meeting of the Edinburgh District Chemists' Trade Association was held in the Pharmaceutical Society's House, 36 York Place, on November 25, Mr. James Dick (President) in the chair. It was reported that the procedure for an order closing all chemists' shops at 7 P.M. on ordinary weekdays and 8 P.M. on Saturdays had been carried through and the signatures were now in process of being verified, after which the order was expected to come into operation. A letter was read from the North British Branch Executive anent the War Auxiliary Benevolent Fund, which it had been agreed by the Council should be collected through local Associations, and it was agreed that the Association should undertake the collection, the details being remitted to the Committee. Mr. A. J. Clark was appointed a member of the School Board Trades Advisory Committee in connection with continuation classes, in room of Mr. W. S. Glass, resigned. Attention was directed to the recent action of the medical officer of health for Edinburgh presuming to make arrangements for the dispensing of medicines during the influenza epidemic. It was agreed to approve of the action which had been taken, and that nothing further required to be done.

Glasgow.—The monthly meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Chemists' Association was held at 165 Hill Street on November 21, Mr. Murchie (President) in the chair. The meeting was an "open" one. The President gave a short *résumé* of the work which had engaged the attention of the Council since the commencement of the session. The principal matter discussed was a report submitted by a special Committee appointed to consider the question of federation. The Committee has held conferences with a similar Committee of the Edinburgh Association, and the report included the following draft scheme for the formation of a national Federation of pharmacists:

Membership shall be open to pharmacists and to such others as are serving, or have served, a regular apprenticeship under control of a pharmacist. Limited membership may be open to other persons engaged in the drug-trade if deemed advisable.

Objects of the Federation: (1) To promote, develop, and protect the interests of its members. (2) To provide educational facilities for assistants and apprentices throughout the country. (3) To improve the examinations. (4) To arrange and assure adequate wages and terms of service for assistants and apprentices, and generally to render the profession attractive to the best class of young men and women. (5) To provide laboratories and all necessary equipment, to employ or arrange with teachers or educational bodies for the special education of members, for research and for the scientific development of pharmacy. (6) To diffuse information among members on all matters affecting the trade. (7) To fix and regulate profits on, and conditions of sale of goods. (8) To provide or guarantee funds on a contributory or other basis (*a*) to help assistants and apprentices in the payment of class and examination fees, (*b*) to assist members in the purchase of businesses or business premises and fittings, (*c*) to provide annuities or pensions. (9) To protect members against persons or firms whose circumstances render them unworthy of mercantile credit or employment. (10) To take, contribute to, defend or assist in any proceedings by or against the Federation or any member thereof in which the common interests of the trade or profession of pharmacy may be involved or affected. (11) To provide, negotiate, or guarantee life, health, or fidelity insurance, insurances against loss by fire, accident, sickness, burglary, by claims for damages or compensation for mistakes in dispensing, etc., or any other form of insurance that may be for the benefit of members. (12) To join financially or otherwise co-operate with any kindred public body, firm, institution, or person for the furtherance of any of these objects. (13) To provide for the representation in Parliament, and where possible in public bodies or firms, having control over or dealings in drugs, pharmacists, or pharmaceutical service, and to ensure that in the exercise of such dealings or control the rights, privileges, and legitimate aspirations of pharmacy shall be protected and advanced.

The affairs of the Federation shall be conducted by and through Branches, with Assistants' and Apprentices' Committees; District Committees; Executive Council.

Any six or more pharmacists in business in the same district may form a Branch. Assistant and apprentice members in a Branch area may form a Committee to consider any matter directly affecting themselves. Such Committees may make representation to the Branch on any such matter, which shall be considered at a joint meeting at which an equal number of the Assistants' and Apprentices' Committee and Branch members shall be present. Each member of such joint meeting shall have one vote. Where an amicable settlement of any matter cannot be arranged by the joint meeting, the matter shall be referred to the District Committee for settlement. The District Committee shall hear both parties and shall decide.

The country shall be divided into districts (approximating the Insurance areas). Each district shall be represented by a District Committee, which shall be composed of a Secretary and one person appointed by each Branch within the district, and in addition of and from the Assistants' and Apprentices' Committees (number to be determined). A District Committee shall transact the business of the Federation within its own district. It shall hear and determine (subject to appeal to the Executive Council) all complaints and disputes from the Branches in its district. It shall hold meetings at least four times a year.

The Executive Council shall be elected by ballot at the annual general meeting. Each Branch may send a delegate to such meeting for every fifteen or part of fifteen of its membership. Any member of the Federation may attend the meeting, but only regularly appointed delegates shall have power to vote in the election of office-bearers. Any Branch (for reason of distance, etc.) unable to send a delegate may vote for candidates to the Council at a meeting of itself held for the purpose, and the votes so recorded shall be reckoned as having been given by the delegate at the general meeting. The assistants' and apprentices' representatives on the District Committee shall or may vote equally as delegates at the annual general meeting.

An interesting discussion ensued, after which a motion was carried unanimously "That the whole matter be remitted back to the same Committee for further consideration and report to a general meeting to be held solely for that purpose."

Halifax.—A meeting of the Halifax Chemists' Association was held on November 20, the President (Mr. B. C. Hodgson) in the chair. The issues of "Square Topics" for September and October were read, and appreciation was expressed for the information contained therein. Support was given to a resolution forwarded by the Devon Pharmaceutical Association regarding the reduced profit on Allen & Hanburys' foods (*C. & D.*, November 2, p. 46). It was resolved to invite every qualified man in the area to subscribe to the War Auxiliary Benevolent Fund, the minimum subscription being fixed at 5*l.*

Harrogate.—At the meeting of the Harrogate Pharmaceutical Association on November 14, the President (Mr. J. W. Harper) gave an address on *Pharmacy, the War, and the Individual*, in which he brought a great deal of common-sense to bear on the reconstruction problems of pharmacy. After a lively discussion the meeting took the form of a smoking-concert.

Hull.—At the meeting of the Hull Pharmacists' Association on November 19, Mr. F. C. Hines gave an address, entitled *Days in Council*, in which he dealt with some of the questions which had been discussed or decided at Bloomsbury Square. A discussion ensued in which the President (Mr. L. S. Sellé), Mr. A. Richardson, and Mr. T. Smith took part; and, in replying to a vote of thanks, Mr. Hines said that the amount of inertia he had had to fight against at Bloomsbury was astounding.

Ipswich.—The quarterly meeting of the East Anglian Federation of Pharmaceutical Associations was held at the Crown and Anchor Hotel on November 22, Mr. J. F. Collins (President) in the chair. Delegates were present from Norwich, Cambridge, Long Stratton, and Ipswich, and Alderman Rowsell, of Exeter, a member of the Pharmaceutical Council, also attended. A discussion took place

regarding the War Auxiliary Benevolent Fund. Alderman Rowsell said that though the Government had promised to assist men in the Army to complete their training, money was also required for men whose businesses had been closed, and for widows and orphans. It was decided to advise the Association to give a hearty support to the Fund, but first to await further information as to the extent of the need and of the Government proposals. On the question of the Orders issued by the Army Council as to the sale of drugs to the troops, the President pointed out that few chemists knew how far the Orders went. It was decided that the Federation should issue a circular pointing out the extent of the Orders and the proprietary articles which would come under them. A long discussion took place on the question of veterinary risks and the Chemists' Defence Association. Alderman Rowsell pointed out that when the Association had had experience of the veterinary risks it would be prepared to issue a policy against all risks at an inclusive premium. A discussion also took place as to the provision of infants' foods and drugs by Welfare Committees, etc. It was agreed that no objection could be entertained to such bodies providing such things free of cost, but their being sold at a reduced price was deprecated, unless proper care was taken to see that the people really could not afford to pay the full price. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Norwich in February. Mr. Rowsell was thanked for his attendance and assistance.

Leeds.—The Leeds Chemists' Association met on November 13 at the Grand Central Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. N. N. Armitage, when Mr. J. Keall, member of the Pharmaceutical Council, gave an address on *Modern Problems of Pharmacy.* He said that the Pharmaceutical Society cannot be charged with "stickiness" to old conditions and ideas, as was deprecated in any trade or profession by Dr. Addison, the Minister of Reconstruction, in his address at Bloomsbury Square. The proposed arrangement by which ex-Service men desiring to enter pharmacy might be allowed to miss the Preliminary examination on showing a satisfactory standard of intelligence and education is very wise. Mr. Keall said he had long been in favour of the division of the Minor, so that a man can get credit for what he has already done. Pharmacy has lost a lot by effect of the war, but it has also gained a good deal, and many of the conditions have improved. There must be no dual control in pharmacy, and the Society must be the authority to whom the Government must come for help. On the other hand, the Society must be prepared to give the help when asked. The position of the demobilised Army compounders will require delicate handling and much tact. If these men have the necessary standard of education they must be given a fair chance of entering pharmacy if they desire it. While the interests of the chemists must be safeguarded, nothing must be done to cause unnecessary friction. Referring to Health Insurance dispensing, Mr. Keall said nobody pretends that the terms for 1919 are adequate, but the Local Associations Executive did its best. He suggested that local Pharmaceutical Committees should do as the London Committee has done, and appoint local Tariff Committees to go into the whole question, so that the 1920 terms will not be rushed at the last minute, and evidence which will be proof against the close scrutiny of a Government accountant must be properly collated in good time. In the meantime, it is policy to accept the present terms. The special Committee appointed to watch the proposed Ministry of Health, said Mr. Keall, is at work. The Society has now three candidates in the Parliamentary field in the persons of Mr. Woolcock, Mr. Marshall Freeman, and Mr. Bennett, representing all the chief political parties. He thought the merging of four leaders of the Face Values Committee into the joint Propaganda Committee of the Proprietary Articles Trade Association a very wise move, giving opportunity for a renewal of propaganda interrupted by the war. There was no need for him to urge the claims of the War Emergency Fund upon the Leeds Association, which gave the Fund a start which has been the admiration of the whole of pharmacy. He deeply regretted that only half the electorate voted in the Council election. If men cannot realise their responsibility they cannot complain if the Council says it has no mandate and gets nothing done. In the ensuing discussion, Mr. J. H. Beacock agreed with the entry of ex-Service men without going through the Preliminary examination. Leeds chemists wanted no other central organisation than the Pharmaceutical Society, which, though it used to be a rather closed corporation, is now democratic. The President remarked that if the Pharmaceutical Society is free of "stickiness" it is not yet free of faults. Though he realised that they could have no better Secretary and Registrar than Mr. Glyn-Jones, he strongly objected to the method of his appointment. A position so greatly affecting all chemists should be advertised. He did not like the way the Council, when there is anything which it does not want the general members to hear, refers the matter to Committee. Why cannot things be done in the open? As to the Parliamentary Fund, it was new to Leeds to hear something tangible. For thirteen months they have been trying to get something definite, and have not hitherto been able to appeal to their members on behalf of a Fund about which they could get no information. Mr. Kirk said the electorate would take far more interest in the voting for Council if they had territorial representation, and every man could know that he was voting for his own district's representative. Mr. Lancaster expressed a hope that the suggested new by-laws will be quickly brought about. Every effort must be made towards getting the whole of the dispensing for chemists, including that for hospitals. Mr. Roberts hoped the division of the Minor will apply to many of the good men who, for one reason or another, failed to get through the Preliminary in years past. Mr. Keall, in reply, agreed that the post of Secretary of the Society ought to be advertised under ordinary conditions, but under the circumstances they knew they had the right man at hand, and advertising would have been waste of effort and of the time of applicants. Where he disagreed with the Face Values Committee was in the fact that there are certain limitations which they omitted from their programme. They did good work, and that work, he thought, will be enhanced by their association with the P.A.T.A. Face-value without guaranteed protected profit is useless in most lines. Territorial representation on the Council is, of course, the only logical method, but it would involve going to Parliament to get a change in the Charter. The new by-laws are, as yet, only suggested, and the process of bringing them into operation would, of course, take some months. In view of the nearness of demobilisation no unnecessary delay should be permitted. Mr. Keall said he did not think the division of the Minor will apply retrospectively, or, indeed, to any but Service men. That was only his own opinion, and it might be that some special cases might be considered on special points, and men who failed on the second day be given another opportunity without repeating what they have already done.

London (E.).—A meeting of the East London Pharmacists' Association was held at Limehouse recently, Mr. A. R. Keith (President) in the chair, when an address by Mr. T. Edward Lescher on *The Drug and Chemical Shortage* was received with great appreciation. A discussion followed, in which Messrs. Lloyd (West Ham), Goode and Melhuish (Western) took part. Mr. Melhuish made a sympathetic reference to the late Colonel Harrison. A cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Lescher terminated the proceedings.

London (S.W.).—A meeting of the South-West London Chemists' Association was held at the Town Hall, Clapham, on November 19, Mr. John Humphrey (President) in the chair. Miss Margaret Buchanan, member of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society, made an eloquent appeal for support to the War Auxiliary Benevolent Fund, and the subject was fully discussed. The President summed up the discussion and headed the list of contributions for the district by the promise of a subscription for a substantial amount. This example was promptly followed by others present, and there is every prospect of a successful result to the appeal. Foreshadowed changes in pharmaceutical training and examinations were also informally discussed, and the President suggested that further attention might be devoted to this important subject at an early meeting next year. Charges for private dispensing then received attention, and it was the general opinion that such charges ought to be considerably in advance of pre-war charges for the same work, even in respect of repeat prescriptions. Various other business matters were briefly discussed. For the information of chemists in the South-Western area, it may be stated that proprietor-pharmacists are asked to subscribe sums of five guineas upwards to the War Auxiliary Benevolent Fund, managers and assistants one or two guineas, and apprentices or other employés anything from half-a-crown upwards. All subscriptions should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary, Miss A. T. Borrowman, 17 The Pavement, Clapham Common, S.W. 4.

Nottingham.—The success which has attended the efforts to establish the chemical-glass industry in Great Britain was emphasised by Dr. W. E. S. Turner, chief of the Department of Glass Technology recently established in Sheffield University, in an interesting lecture to the members of the Notts Section of the Society of Chemical Industry at the Nottingham University College on November 27. Dr. Caven presided over a large attendance. The lecturer, in passing, mentioned that the scientific glass industry had been established in this country since the outbreak of war.

Great Britain was formerly wholly dependent for its supplies of chemical glassware upon the Continent, and chiefly Germany, and we were caught napping in this respect in 1914. The first practical steps taken to initiate the British industry were by Sheffield steelmakers, who felt the shortage of glassware so acutely that they actually proposed that the whole stock of such articles in the schools, colleges, and universities of the country should be commandeered for steel laboratories, since the chemical control of steel was so important. The success of the industry had surpassed all expectations, and the quality now being produced is in nearly every case distinctly superior to the best material ever obtained from Germany. It is more resistant to alkalies and acids than even the famous Jena glassware. Dr. Turner exhibited a series of glass vessels which had been treated with various reagents, and these test-pieces illustrated the decided superiority of the British products over those of their future rivals. He pointed out, however, that as the industry is still in its infancy it will require some measure of protection, so as to enable it to tide over the years that must elapse before it can withstand the competition of the Continent and America, and appealed to chemists to do all they can to support the use of British glass.

Salford.—At a well-attended meeting of the Salford Pharmaceutical Association held on November 20, Mr. F. Alex. Anderson, Clerk to the Salford Insurance Committee, read an interesting paper on the proposed *Ministry of Health Bill*. He pointed out the chaos existing at the present time, with so much overlapping and so many different departments and authorities dealing with the various aspects of the health of the people. With regard to the dispensing of the medicines, there was a choice between the surgery, pharmacy, and dispensaries. The general opinion of the members during the discussion was that, as insured persons have got used to obtaining their medicines from the local pharmacy at all reasonable hours, they would not tolerate dispensaries, as there would probably be much walking and waiting, as well as stated hours. Therefore an extension of the present system of Insurance dispensing was considered the most convenient for the public, and quite possibly also the cheapest.

Thames Valley.—The annual meeting of the Thames Valley Pharmacists' Association was held at the Scotch Café, Kingston-on-Thames, on November 27, Mr. F. Cherry (President) in the chair. The Treasurer (Mr. A. Higgs, J.P.) presented his financial statement, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand. One guinea was voted to the funds of the Early Closing Association, and a resolution was passed in support of its efforts for compulsory early closing. A similar sum was also voted to the funds of the Middlesex County Association. The Committee was elected for the ensuing year and the officers were re-elected. A discussion took place on National Health Insurance, Mr. Clement reporting on the Middlesex Pharmaceutical Committee. Regarding the panel for 1919, it was felt that the terms offered were still quite inadequate; but with the end of the war, and the formation of a Ministry of Health, it was hoped that fresh and satisfactory terms will be arranged in the future. Elliman's attitude was discussed, and a resolution was passed pledging those present to support the wholesale in not stocking Elliman's preparations. The matter of other articles which do not give an adequate profit was discussed. A letter was read from the Devon Association asking support to a resolution regarding the profit on Allen & Hanburys' preparations. A resolution was passed asking for a minimum of 25 per cent. on their foods and 33 per cent. on their other articles. Mr. Higgs mentioned that Mr. J. Parrott, Richmond, one of the ex-Presidents, had that week suffered a great bereavement in the death of his wife, and a resolution of sympathy was passed. The meeting finished by a few words from the President on the future of Ucal.

Women Pharmacists.—A general meeting of the National Association of Women Pharmacists was held at Dr. Williams' Library, Gordon Square, London, on November 20, Miss Buchanan (President) in the chair, for the purpose of adopting a new constitution and rules which should apply equally to all local groups of the Association. The President prefaced the regular business of the meeting by making an eloquent appeal, as a member of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society, on behalf of the War Auxiliary Benevolent Fund. The draft constitution was then discussed at length, and adopted with certain amendments.

A Company, with the title Bulgarian Chemical Industrial and Commercial Co., has been floated in Sofia with a capital of 1½ million leva to promote the chemical industry and erect factories for chemical production and trading in chemical products.

Trade Report.

42 Cannon Street, E.C. 4, November 28, 3 p.m.

The general tone in the fine chemical and drug market remains practically as last week, the demand so far as home trade is concerned being strictly limited to buyers' immediate requirements. The prices of several pharmaceutical products have shown a downward tendency, and it is possible to pick up a few bargains here and there, but at the same time there is no pronounced slump, as most sellers are content to let business open on natural lines rather than force sales. A bright feature of the export trade is the resumption of business with neutrals, and this may help to relieve the situation considerably. Heavy chemicals like ammonia alkali, caustic soda, bicarbonate of soda, bleaching-powder, etc., have met with an active demand, and second-hand dealers have advanced their prices. Lead and zinc products are higher on an official advance in the base metals. Sal ammoniac is lower, other ammonia products being unchanged. Among fine chemicals a weaker tendency has been shown in bromides, guaiacol carbonate, hydroquinone, phenolphthalein, citric acid, and cream of tartar. Gallic acid and phenazone are rather firmer. Other alterations include an easier tone in cascara sagrada, senega, gentian, menthol, pimento, Japanese vegetable wax, coriander- and fenugreek-seeds. Saccharin and vanillin are nominal. Milk-sugar is considerably lower, and salicylic acid is still on the weak side. Farina, pimento, and ginger are easier. Nutmegs show a recovery of 9*d.* from last week's slump. Lemon oil is firm.

Higher	Firmer	Easier	Lower
Bleaching-powder	Phenazone	Atropine	Ammon. bromide
Castor oil		Benzoic acid	Canary-seed
Gallic acid		Cascara sagrada	Chillies
Lead products		Coriander-seed	Citric acid
Nutmegs		Farina	Cream of tartar
Soda ash		Gentian	Fenugreek-seed
Soda bicarb. (sec. hands)		Ginger	Hydro-quinone
Soda caustic		Guaiacol carb.	Lanoline
Theobromine (pure)		Lime-juice	Mace
Zinc products		Menthol	Milk-sugar
		Methyl salicylate	Phenol-phthalein
		Oxalic acid	Potash bromide
		Pimento	Saccharin
		Potash bichromate	Sal ammoniac
		Senega	Shellac
		Soda hypo.	Wax, paraffin
			Wax, vegetable (Jap.)

Cablegram.

New York, November 23.—Business in drugs is fair. Oil of wintergreen has advanced to $5.50 per lb. Mexican sarsaparilla is lower at 35c. Canada balsam has advanced to $9.00 per American gallon; balsam Peru is also higher at $3.35 per lb. Taraxacum has been reduced to 26c. and belladonna-leaves to $1.00 per lb.

Agar-agar is quiet, with sellers of No. 1 Kobe strip at 3*s.* per lb. on the spot. The exports from Japan during August 1918 amounted to 90,389 kin, valued at 118,810 yen. During the eight months ended August 31 they were as follows:

	1916	1917	1918
Kin	2,433,300	1,732,551	2,365,277
Yen	2,128,623	1,593,144	2,609,642

The destinations were as follows:

To	1916 Kin	1917 Kin	1918 Kin
China	399,457	647,197	158,806
Hong-Kong ...	293,009	255,350	113,190
Straits Settlements	113,604	92,482	58,041
Dutch Indies ...	380,085	188,037	229,225
Asiatic Russia ...	146,369	877	181
Great Britain ...	281,387	76,020	1,576,188
France	236,421	88,259	5,000
United States ...	414,639	238,882	94,926
Other countries ...	168,329	145,447	129,720
	2,433,300	1,732,551	2,365,277

ALKALI has been in large demand for export owing to the removal of prohibitions, and up to 9*l.* 10*s.* per ton has been paid for 58-per-cent. from second-hands.

AMIDOPYRIN is very firm and difficult to find at 65*s.* per lb. on the spot.

AMMONIA PRODUCTS.—*Ammonium carbonate* is unaltered at 7½*d.* per lb., and contracts have been booked by the makers on this basis up to the end of April 1919 without falling clause. *Liquor ammonii* is unaltered, and as higher prices were recently fixed by the Government for sulphuric acid it is unlikely that any reduction can be made yet awhile. *Sal ammoniac*, which was unduly high, has been reduced by 20*l.* per ton to 80*l.* per ton for first quality lump and 75*l.* for second quality, with ground 5*l.* per ton extra. *Muriate* is unchanged at 50*l.* per ton for galvanisers.

ANISE OIL, STAR, is quiet, with spot sellers of "Red Ship" brand at 6*s.* 3*d.*, and at 6*s.* c.i.f.

ANTIMONY.—As generally expected, the official price of English regulus has been reduced by 5*l.* per ton to 80*l.*, but this figure is still comparatively high in view of the recent heavy fall in the quotation of foreign refined, which is difficult of sale near 65*l.*, several sellers of spot lots being in evidence with practically no buyers. Chinese crude is neglected and quite nominal. American reports continue weak. The export trade in China is apparently held up for the present, partly owing to the lack of freight room.

ARSENIC.—There is very little change, the undertone being steady to firm at prices ranging from about 97*l.* per ton upward delivered London for best Cornish powder. There is not much offering, and the demand has been slightly more active.

ASPIRIN is firmly maintained at from 17*s.* to 17*s.* 3*d.*, and no change is expected for the next two months, when the acetic anhydride position may be easier.

BELLADONNA-ROOT can be bought at 4*s.* 6*d.* per lb. spot for usual test.

BLEACHING-POWDER is dearer, there having been a large export demand, and up to 18*l.* 10*s.* to 19*l.* per ton in casks has been paid.

BROMIDES are lower in second-hands, potash crystals offering at 7*s.* to 7*s.* 3*d.* per lb. and ammonia at 6*s.* per lb.: soda is unchanged at 5*s.* 3*d.* A further consignment of Government-controlled potash has arrived, and a limited quantity of ammon. is due; the fixed prices are 6*s.* 7*d.* for crystals and 5*s.* 10*d.* for granules; ammon. is 5*s.*

CALCIUM CARBIDE.—On and after December 1 all restrictions as to the sale or purchase of calcium carbide will be removed, subject to a minimum price to consumers of 40*l.* per ton for quantities of 1 cwt. and over (granulated 10*s.* per ton extra).

CAMPHOR (REFINED) is quiet, with spot sellers of Japanese 2½-lb. slabs at 6*s.* 10½*d.* The exports from Japan during August 1918 amounted to 148,825 kin, valued at 331,014 yen. During the eight months ended August 31 the shipments were as follows:

	1916	1917	1918
Kin	3,672,465	2,219,893	1,422,222
Yen	3,476,454	3,759,166	2,899,370

The destinations were as follows:

To	1916 Kin	1917 Kin	1918 Kin
British India ...	985,391	650,811	317,293
Asiatic Russia ...	410,476	283	—
Great Britain ...	622,428	47,490	344,641
France	314,090	66,618	31,465
United States ...	1,144,407	1,306,962	474,329
Australia	84,380	58,436	84,801
Other countries ...	111,293	89,293	169,693
	3,672,465	2,219,893	1,422,222

CASCARA SAGRADA.—With further arrivals on the way the easier tone continues, with spot sellers at 210*s.* per cwt.

CASTOR OIL.—Confirming last week's note, we are now officially informed that the Ministry of Food has signified its intention of releasing a limited quantity of English-made pharmaceutical quality, and this will shortly be available. Firms who have previously bought in large bulk parcels direct from works, and who have not received particulars direct, can receive same on application to Mr. T. E. Lescher, 60 Bartholomew Close, E.C. 1.

CHILLIES were lower at auction, 160 bales Zanzibar selling without reserve at 70*s.* for fair, part mixed stalky.

CITRIC ACID.—Sales on the spot have been made at from 4*s.* 8*d.* to 4*s.* 9*d.* per lb.

CLOVES continue quiet, with spot sellers of Zanzibar at 2*s.* 3*d.* for fair.

COD-LIVER OIL.—The new season's fishing will no doubt commence as usual off Lofoten in January, when much lower prices may be anticipated should the season prove successful. Meanwhile the great scarcity continues.

COPPER SULPHATE.—Quotations for some little time past have been wide and erratic, the absence of any notable demand for export is for the time being inducing some re-sales of sulphate, for which licences are apparently delayed. So far as actual business is concerned 60*l.* f.o.b. Liverpool might be taken, but this figure is understood to be *net*, whereas makers as a rule quote 65*l.* f.o.b., less 5 per cent. The margin between those figures would thus be equal to barely 2*l.* a ton. Fears of a reduction in the price of metal copper have presumably something to do with the unwilling demand. The position of freights from North America to this side has undergone a very drastic change in the last few days, big reductions having been made for neutral tonnage, and this will affect copper and many other commodities.

CORIANDER-SEED is again easier at 50*s.* per cwt. for new crop Morocco, and at 42*s.* 6*d.* for old crop.

CREAM OF TARTAR.—Prices are a matter of negotiation at round about 410*s.* to 415*s.* per cwt. for 99 to 100 per cent. powder.

EUCALYPTUS OIL is steady and in fair demand at from 4*s.* 6*d.* to 4*s.* 9*d.* per lb. on the spot.

FARINA is dull and easier, No. 1 Japanese offering at 81*s.* on the spot.

FENUGREEK-SEED.—Sales have been made at the much lower price of 32*s.* per cwt. for fair quality Morocco.

GALLIC ACID is rather dearer at from 4*s.* 8*d.* to 4*s.* 9*d.*, as all gall products are firm.

GENTIAN.—Sellers of fair Spanish quoted 75*s.* per cwt. on the spot, being easier.

GINGER is easier, with spot sellers of Sierra Leone at 120*s.*, rough Calicut 150*s.*, washed Cochin at 160*s.*, and Japanese 105*s.*, and Jamaica 150*s.* to 170*s.* per cwt.

GLYCERIN.—Small sales to consumers have been made at from 120*s.* to 125*s.* per cwt. for chemically pure, s.g. 1.260, in tins and cases.

GUAIACOL CARBONATE.—Fairly large consignments have come to hand, and the price has eased to 85*s.* per lb.

HYDROQUINONE is cheaper at from 14*s.* 3*d.* to 14*s.* 9*d.* per lb. on the spot.

KIESELGUHR can be bought at about 23*l.* per ton ex wharf, London.

LANOLINE.—B.P. anhydrous is offered at from 1*s.* 5*d.* to 1*s.* 6*d.* per lb., being considerably lower.

LEAD PRODUCTS.—The startling rise of 11*l.* per ton in the price of pig lead to 40*l.* per ton early this week, owing to the fact that it was kept at an unduly low level during the war compared with values abroad, has naturally affected all lead products, prices being revised all round. The price of red lead has been fixed at 55*l.* 10*s.*, this being the manufacturers' selling price, while merchants quote 56*l.* per ton.

LEMON OIL remains firm at from 5*s.* 9*d.* to 6*s.* per lb. on the spot.

LIME-JUICE.—Large arrivals have lately taken place and the tendency is easier, good pale raw West Indian being worth 4*s.* 6*d.* per gal.

LITHIA CARBONATE is still firm, with little available on the spot at about 12*s.* per lb.

MACE was lower at auction, eight packages West Indian selling at 2*s.* 7*d.* for good pale and 1*s.* 7*d.* for broken.

MENTHOL.—Towards the close of last week spot sales of Kobayashi-Suzuki were made at 21*s.* per lb., but subsequently an easier feeling prevailed, with sellers at 20*s.* 6*d.*

METHYL SALICYLATE is in good demand at from 6*s.* 3*d.* to 6*s.* 6*d.* per lb.

MILK-SUGAR has been reduced to 2*s.* 9*d.* to 3*s.* per lb. for best Dutch powder as to quantity. Even at the reduced prices a handsome margin of profit is left to the makers.

MINT OIL is quiet, with sellers of Japanese dementholised (Kobayashi-Suzuki) at 6*s.* 6*d.* on the spot. The exports from Japan during August 1918 amounted to 19,077 kin, valued at 41,797 yen. During the eight months ended August 31 the exports were:

	1916	1917	1918
Kin	285,295	150,202	111,524
Yen	647,233	340,224	230,682

NUTMEGS sold at an advance of 8*d.* to 9*d.* on last week's auction, seven barrels West Indian realising 1*s.* 8*d.* for slightly wormy (114 to 82 to the lb.); 15 boxes Singapore 80's were bought in at 3*s.* 6*d.*; privately 3*s.* 3*d.* is quoted.

OXALIC ACID is easier at 1*s.* 4½*d.* per lb.

PEPPERMINT OIL.—The price asked for English of the 1918 crop varies from 90*s.* to 100*s.* per lb., with a limited quantity of the previous crop at several shillings less. American tin oil is firm and unchanged at 28*s.* per lb. for a limited quantity.

PHENACETIN is unobtainable at the previous figure of 17*s.* per lb. on the spot.

Phenazone has a firmer tendency at 55*s.* per lb. on the spot.

Phenolphthalein is easier, with spot sellers at 35*s.* per lb.

Pimento is easier, with spot sellers at 6¾*d.* per lb.

Potash Bicarbonate is easier at from 2*s.* to 2*s.* 1*d.* per lb.

Resin.—The United Kingdom Resin Distributors' Association, Ltd., announce: It is understood that circumstances now permit of licences being more liberally granted by the Ministry. Prices, however, are likely to be fully maintained and control necessary for some time to come.

Saccharin is again lower, and prices are more or less a matter of quiet negotiation, the market remaining demoralised. Sales have been made of American 550 pure at about 133*s.* per lb., not duty paid, equal to 265*s.*, duty paid.

Salicylates.—The weaker feeling on the part of makers of salicylic acid has resulted in the price being eased all round, but a revival in the export demand ought to check the sagging movement. The spot price of 4*s.* per lb. for B.P. powder can be eased slightly. Soda salicylate is 5*s.* 6*d.*

Senega is easier at from 7*s.* 3*d.* to 7*s.* 4½*d.* per lb. net on spot.

Shellac is nominal at from 320*s.* to 330*s.* for TN on the spot, 365*s.* to 375*s.* for fine Orange, 310*s.* for AC Garnet block, 320*s.* for cakey, and 345*s.* for pure Button.

Soda Bicarbonate.—The spot price from dealers is from 19*l.* to 20*l.* per ton ex wharf, London, being dearer; makers are doing business in contract quantities to consumers at 10*l.* per ton in kegs f.o.b. Liverpool, and a good export business is in progress.

Soda Caustic.—Export restrictions having been withdrawn to neutrals, there has been a good demand, the sales from second-hands including 70 to 72 per cent. at 34*l.* to 35*l.* per ton f.o.b. Liverpool.

Soda Hyposulphite.—Pea crystals in small kegs and casks offer at 49*l.* 10*s.* to 50*l.* per ton for spot delivery.

Spirit (Methylated).—We understand that the restrictions on the sale of methylated spirit are to be removed as and from Monday, December 2.

Sulphonal is still very scarce at about 130*s.* per lb. on the spot.

Tamarinds.—Further supplies of West Indian, amounting to 600 barrels, are on the way. Holders of good squashy Barbados ask 145*s.* per cwt., duty paid (duty=5*s.* 8½*d.*). The imports of tamarinds preserved in syrup into the United Kingdom during the past five years have been as follows:

	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
British West India Islands	5,209	6,754	4,395	6,549	4,573

Theobromine.—Pure is rather dearer at 60*s.*, and sodium salicylate is unaltered at 40*s.*

Turpentine.—The Turpentine Distributors' Association state that, having reached the reserve required by the Ministry of Munitions to be held for the present (November 25), no further sales of American must be made by the members of the Association. Sales, therefore, until further notice, may only be made of equal quantities Spanish and French at 1*l.* less than American and French, or French alone, at 105*s.* London, 105*s.* 6*d.* Liverpool and Glasgow, and 106*s.* Bristol and Manchester.

Wax, Japanese, is dull and lower, the spot value of fair slabs being about 115*s.* per cwt.

Zinc Products.—The tone is firmer owing to the advance of 2*l.* per ton in official quotations for spelter, ranging from 56*l.* to 62*l.*, but the spot price is 57*l.* ex warehouse. English zinc oxide of best quality is worth about 85*l.* delivered London. Zinc ashes are selling at about 25*l.* f.o.r. basis 70 per cent. The outlet for zinc dust is large, and prices are firm at 90*l.* up to 108*l.*, according to grade.

Exports to Holland.

The Director of the War Trade Department, Westminster, S.W. 1, announces that export trade with Holland can now be resumed under licence, and that his Department is prepared to receive and consider applications for the grant of licences.

Import and Export Notice.

The Board of Trade announce that the following relaxations of the existing prohibitions of export and import have been brought into force from November 21:

Headings Transferred from one List to Another.

From "A" to "C" lists: Acetate of lime; agar-agar; cerium and its alloys (except ferro-cerium); kola-seeds (or kola-nuts); mercury, compounds of mercury, and mixtures and preparations containing mercury or its compounds; photographic materials, sensitised, of all kinds, whether exposed or not; tantalum, alloys of tantalum, and ores containing tantalum. From "A" to "B" lists: Baudruche-skin; surgical bandages and dressings. From "B" to "C" lists: Aluminium, oxides of, and mixtures containing aluminium oxides; aluminium sulphate, alunite; graphite, and mixtures containing graphite.

Headings Requiring Alteration.

Delete.	*Substitute.*
(A) Aërated and mineral waters.	(A) Aërated and mineral waters except unsweetened mineral waters. (C) Unsweetened mineral waters.
(A) Coal tar, all products obtainable from and derivatives thereof, suitable for use in the manufacture of dyes and explosives, whether obtained from coal tar or other sources, and mixtures and preparations containing such products or derivatives.	(A) Coal tar, all products obtainable from and derivatives thereof (except solvent naphtha) suitable for use in the manufacture of dyes and explosives, whether obtained from coal tar or other sources, and mixtures and preparations containing such products or derivatives. (C) Solvent naphtha.
(A) Glue, osseine, and concentrated size (and other sizings made from glue), fish-glue, isinglass, finings, and other kinds of gelatine.	(A) Glue, osseine, and concentrated size (and other sizes and sizings made from glue), fishglue, finings, and other kinds of gelatine. (C) Isinglass (not including gelatine).
(A) Gluestock of all kinds, including animal hoofs, untanned hides and pelts, not otherwise prohibited, fish bladders, and fish skins.	(A) Gluestock of all kinds, fish bladders. (C) Fish skins.
(A) Paraffin wax, and mixtures and preparations thereof containing 20 per cent. and upwards of paraffin wax, but not including wax-paper.	(A) Paraffin wax. (C) Mixtures and preparations of paraffin wax.
(A) Resins, resinous gums, and resinous substances (except such as contain caoutchouc) and articles containing them.	(A) Resins, resinous gums, and resinous substances (except such as contain caoutchouc), and except the following, which are on List C: Gum ammoniacum, gum caramania (hog gum), gum galbanum, gum gamboge, guaiacum resin, Indian gum (gum ghatti), jalap resin, kaladana resin, gum olibanum, podophyllum resin, Indian podophyllum resin, gum sagapenum, gum thus, and articles containing resins, etc.
(A) Salt.	(B) Salt other than rock salt. (C) Rock salt.
(A) Spices and mixtures thereof not otherwise specifically prohibited.	(A) Spices, the following: Black pepper, white pepper, cloves, ginger.

In explanation of the changes it should be noted that goods on List "A" are prohibited to all destinations, and goods on List "B" to all destinations outside the British Empire, while goods on List "C" are prohibited only to countries bordering on enemy countries.

Arrivals of Chemicals, Drugs, etc.

The following arrivals have taken place at the Ports of London and Liverpool:

To London

(Nov. 16 to 22).

Casein, 2,580*l.*
Chemical products, etc., unrated, 6 cs. 40 kgs.
Acetic acid, 60 cbys.
Argol, 128 cks.
Arsenic, 54 cwt.
Calcium citrate, 6 bgs.
Cream of tartar, 73 brls. 22 cks.
Potash, crude, 5 brls.
Soda carbonate, 102 cwt.
Drugs, etc., unrated, 4,990*l.*; herbs, dried, 30 bls.
Camphor, 206 cs.
Cardamoms, 150 bgs.
Cochineal, 15 sks.
Cumin-seed, 199 bgs.
Menthol, 10 cs.
Nux vomica, 357 bgs.
Orris, 31 bgs.
Turmeric, 96 bgs.
Vanilla, 1 cs.
Dyestuffs, tanning materials, etc., unrated, 3 cs. 42 pkgs.; gambier, 713 cs.; myrobalans, 24,400 pockets, 3,408 bgs.; tanners' bark, 518 tons
Gelatin, 2,536*l.*
Glue, 8,405*l.*
Gold-beaters' skin, 415*l.*
Perfumery, etc., (mostly raw materials), unrated, 1,381*l.*; perf. water, 91*l.*; toilet-powder, 68*l.*
Plumbago, 237 cks.
Soap, toilet, 1,856*l.*
Starches (cwt.): farina (potato starch), 6,893; dextrin, 700; wheat, 200
Wax, bees', 31 bgs. 232 cs.
Wax, carnauba, 809 bgs.
Wax, paraffin, 260 cwt.; scale, 595 cwt.
Wax, sperm-whale, 200 cs. 335 bgs.
Wax, sugar-cane, 523 bgs.
Wax, vegetable, 769 cs.
Zinc oxide, 200 cs.

To Liverpool

(Nov. 18 to 23).

Carbon, black, 500 cs.
Charcoal, animal, 1,194 bgs.
Chemical products, etc., unrated, 16 cs.
Acetanilide, 26 brls.
Arsenic, 113 cks.
Aspirin, 5 cs.
Bromide: ammon., 1 brl.
Phthalic acid, 10 drms.
Saltpetre, 1,750 bgs.
Soda perborate, 124 brls.
Tannic acid, 40 brls.
Drugs, etc. unrated, 8 bxs.
Cardamoms, 10 bgs.
Cascara sagrada, 1,080 bgs.
Liquorice-root, 25 bgs.
Quillaia, 136 bls.
Spike lavender oil, 4 drms.
Tonka-beans, 4 cks.
Dyeing and tanning materials, etc.: cutch, 950 bxs.; fustic-wood, 41 tons; hematine cryst., 146 brls.; logwood, 45 tons; logwood ext., 365 cks.; myrobalans, 616 bgs.; myrob. tanning ext., 64 cks.; quebracho tanning ext., 617 bgs.; quercitron-bark ext., 260 pkgs.; redwood ext., 3 cks.; wattle-bark, 334 bls.
Gelatin, 839*l.*
Lithopone, 374 cks.
Starch: wheat, 240 bgs.
Wax, bees', 13 brls. 26 pkgs. 130 bgs.
Wax, paraffin, 4,309 bgs. scale, 4,128 brls.

Correspondence

Irish Drug-trade Representation.

Sir,—The candidature of Sir Thomas Robinson in the South Dublin constituency affords an excellent opportunity to Irish chemists for their representation in Parliament. Although he has been selected in the Unionist cause this should not deter pharmacists of different political opinions from giving him their support in their own interests, and accordingly I suggest that every member of the drug-trade in Ireland who has a friend on the register in the South Dublin constituency should try to secure that vote for Sir Thomas Robinson. Nobody in the Irish drug-trade has a wider or more varied experience of our calling—wholesale and retail—nor has anybody our interests more at heart. His presence at Westminster would be most desirable in view of the great probability of drug-trade questions arising in the general process of reconstruction. Let us all do everything possible in helping to secure his return.

Dublin. Speaker. (236/29.)

How Advertising Helps.

Sir,—With reference to the inquiries you have received as to the way I keep track of sales of particular items, my own method (not necessarily the best) is the alphabetical filing of invoices. Few items in my business have more than one or two sources, and the necessary invoices are quickly lifted out and items for any period totalled. There is surely a very great difference between new inside competition—where the man who opens a fresh chemist's shop has to consider the whole possibilities of the situation—and outside competition, where existing distributing agencies turn their attention to lines that are ready for them. The new chemist will require an opening, but the general dealer will need a few shelves and a 30*l*. order to a patent house. Moreover, most of us, rightly I think, turn more and more to our shops as more really the key to good business than the best dispensing-counter or other ministering department. And so we want goods that are distinctly chemist's goods and not general dealer's goods. We can make nearly any good line the line for the districts we cover, but for any line for which we do this we need the whole business, without a heavy leakage on the repeat sales; because if we are efficient for the initial sales we are also efficient for the repeats, and the leakage is due to the activities of the general trader, and not to shortcoming in "service" on our part. All packed goods are so easily handled that, as we become more entirely shopkeepers, the point I have emphasised becomes increasingly important.

Yours faithfully,

Mortar. (91/19.)

The Question of Salary.

Sir,—The letter of "Another Midlander" (*C. & D.*, November 23, p. 51) is most interesting, but a trifle one-sided. Firstly, putting individual cases to headquarters would not always mean dealing with a case on its merits. Men showing too independent a spirit can be turned down when dealt with one at a time; with a union that would be impossible. In many cases the man may be in the right, but a large employer has the whip hand dealing singly with his men. It must be said some firms deal fairly with their men on the whole, but the danger of being turned down makes many a man hold back his feelings, often to the disadvantage of both employer and employé. Secondly, a pharmacist (with one shop) can keep open his pharmacy on his own qualification, and therefore is not compelled to pay his man so much, but immediately he opens a branch (and he does so for further gain to himself) he could not carry on without his man's qualification. So with the greater companies; they could not carry on business at all if it were not for the qualification of their managers, and it is for that they have to pay, apart from the actual work done by the man; and no one admits more readily that the success of their business is dependent on the managers than the directors of companies. Thirdly, many men have not the capital to run a business, and do not care to do so on borrowed money. In the case of a company borrowed money is the essence of the business by producing a good investment to outsiders, but to a private man it may be a millstone round his neck. In regard to the remarks concerning exemption certificates, the less said the better; the advantage was mutual. In the case of a company it would have been qualified men taken, branches closed, and reduced dividends. Let us work for the "uplift" of pharmacy from both sides, and, as "Another Midlander" says, let us not forget the advantages to our fellow-craftsmen by combination, organisation, and unity. I would like to point out that the strongest trade union in the country is that of the medical men, and I do not quite grasp his remarks about unskilled and semi-skilled men, as if they were the only ones reaping the advantages now of principles embraced years ago.—Yours faithfully,

Coast. (233/18.)

Sir,—Regarding the first question of "Another Midlander" (*C. & D.*, November 23, p. 51) there can be but one answer, and that is a decided No. The second is not to the point, for the simple reason that the "exemption certificates" were of quite as much value to the employer as to the employé. I take it that "Midlander" and "Subvenio" are probably judging by the bonus they have received as compared with some of their subordinates. I should very much like "Another Midlander" to point out the advantages enjoyed by the managers of a corporate body during the war. The increase of work, supervision, and responsibility entailed thereby has not, in my opinion, received the consideration it merits. Undoubtedly it is open to any man to embark on a venture of his own, but the amount it is possible for many to save renders this problematical; others may have responsibilities which make it impossible. Union is all very well in so far as it protects employés from unjust employers, but self-help is much better when possible. I venture to suggest to "Midlander" and "Subvenio" that they work on, do their best, and adopt my *nom de plume* as a motto.

Yours faithfully,

Nil Desperandum. (236/17.)

Sir,—The letters of "Midlander" and "Subvenio" that have appeared in recent numbers have created a wide interest, as it is quite evident that they are both controlled by the same management, and in view of their dissatisfaction the advice contained in the letter of "Another Midlander" (*C. & D.*, November 23, p. 51) should prove useful to them. Discontent is certainly not the best thing for the employer or employed. I do not hold a brief on behalf of the management of these associated companies in any way, but it is only common fairness to state that they have done more than anyone to improve the conditions of service of chemists as managers and assistants from the financial point of view as well as the weekly number of working hours. If the correspondents referred to are dissatisfied with their salaries they have only themselves to blame, as they are not in any sense conscripted labour, and I presume that when they first "joined up" they were consenting parties to the salaries then arranged. "Subvenio" bewails the fact that the rate of commission allowed on the sale of certain articles was permanently cut down, but he forgets that particularly high rates were paid during the introductory period on the distinct understanding that when the articles were established the rates would be reduced; and, further, numerous new lines of the same "family" have been brought out which sell on sight owing to the popularity enjoyed by the original articles introduced. Since manufacturers and agents have not been able to give regular deliveries of well-known advertised proprietaries, the sales of commission lines have considerably increased to the benefit of the seller, on whose part it has required but very little effort to effect the transaction. No doubt a large percentage of the branch managers of the associated companies are in the position to commence business on their own account, or to purchase established businesses, but they prefer to hold a comfortable position with a fair income rather than to be at the beck and call of an ungrateful public at all hours of the day and night. "Subvenio" thinks that working for other people is not much use, but experience has shown us that frequently good servants make poor masters. The advantages gained by combination and organisation are numerous, but even they will not remove the cause of discontentment for ever. The recompense of men's services in managing chemists' businesses of various sizes and conditions cannot be estimated in the same way as the setting in position of so many bricks—at so many pence per hour.—Faithfully yours,

Not a Midlander. (237/91.)

Sir,—I should like to suggest to "Another Midlander" that he has missed the whole gist of the remarks made by "Midlander" and "Subvenio," and also introduced the subject of exemptions, which he had much better left alone. First, with regard to salary, a man could do as well, if not better, with a private chemist of good standing, and he certainly would not lose his status as a chemist to such a degree with him as with a company, and surely some compensation is needed to meet that. Another point is that a company man in a very short time develops into a machine. He is allowed to show no initiative, can only order in certain goods, and never sees a traveller, so consequently loses touch with the drug-trade generally. I

quite agree with "Subvenio's" remarks, as I have been during the last two years in twelve company shops, and, as he says, the essential parts of the spade-work, since they carry no commission, are always left to the most irresponsible people, while the manager spends his full time at the counter. It would do "Another Midlander" a deal of good to spend a year going round the branches of his company and study the existing conditions—managers getting all the kudos in the shape of bonuses, and all the responsible work being carried out by the assistants. With regard to "exemption certificates," I simply ask him, Was it patriotic? and were they genuine?

Yours faithfully,
SOUTHERNER. (26/11.)

Assistants in the East.

SIR,—I have read with much interest the letter of "Seefair" in the *C. & D.*, June 15, under the above heading, and am of the opinion that his letter is totally misleading. To begin with, he states that "it is possible for a young man to live on $100 a month in the Straits Settlements even at the present time." I wonder where he gets his figures from. I give below a list of the principal expenses a young man must pay out every month in Singapore before he thinks of luxuries:

Board and lodging	$90.00
Boy	15.00
Dhobie	5.00
Rickshaw (transport)	15.00
Total	$125.00

I have put the transport at $15, which is a very low figure, for a European likes to live among Europeans and not among Asiatics; the European district in Singapore is at least from two to three miles out of town. There is also to take into consideration clubs; every young man has to join at least two clubs in Singapore—the cricket club and the swimming club—and if he is a golfing enthusiast he naturally would want to join a golf club. The subscriptions for the clubs mount up. You can see, therefore, from the above that $100 a month to live on is out of the question. I believe the living in Penang is much higher than in Singapore. I would not recommend any young man to come out to the Straits Settlements or the Federated Malay States at a lower figure than $250 per month for the first year of his first agreement. I am rather surprised that "Seefair," who claims to have resided for a long time in the East, and in consequence must be in a position to engage assistants, should even think of offering a young man less than $250 per month. The reason why young men sometimes do not turn out satisfactory, as "Seefair" states, is due to one thing only, and that is because they are poorly paid and do not get a chance to save money. They do not know the conditions of living out here until they arrive, and then they find that everything is totally different from what they expected. They approach their employers for an increase, who turn round and tell the young man to stick to his agreement. Do you wonder at young men sometimes turning out unsatisfactory under these conditions? If the employer plays the game with the employé you will always find the employé doing his best for his employer. Young men do not come out East for the benefit of their health. Turning to another part of his letter, "Seefair" says, "In future there will not be so many Britishers required out East." What does he think will happen after the war? Are we to give up our businesses to Chinese or Japanese? Perhaps "Seefair" would like to see the Germans cutting into our trade again. No; after the war will be the time when more Britishers will be required to keep the trade in British hands and keep the "Old Flag" flying. Has "Seefair" forgotten the little incident that occurred a few months ago in the Malacca General Hospital, whereby six patients were fatally poisoned through the carelessness of the native dispenser? Who wants to trust Asiatics to dispense medicines without proper European supervision? I am sorry to take up so much of your space, but I should like to mention before closing that the oldest chemist out here, Mr. Jas. Mackenzie, said to me on reading "Seefair's" letter, "I came here twenty-seven years ago on the magnificent salary of $100 per month, when the dollar was worth 3*s.* 10*d.* and its purchasing power four times what it is now, and even in those days it was impossible to live on it; what about now? I had an increase in the first two weeks, otherwise I could not have existed on it even in those days." This letter is intended to give agents or wholesale firms who engage assistants for the East an idea of the cost of living out here, otherwise a wrong impression might get around at home when sending out assistants.—Yours faithfully,

T. M. MABEN, Hon. Secretary.
Straits Pharmaceutical Association, Singapore.

Miscellaneous Inquiries.

When samples are sent particulars should be supplied to us as to their origin, what they are, what they are used for and how. We do not undertake to analyse and report upon proprietary articles nor to publish supposed formulas for them.

Jem (185/70).—BOOT-POLISH.—The paste form is made as follows:

Yellow wax	2 oz.
Stearic acid	1 oz.
Linseed oil	1 oz.
Melt and add—	
Oil of turpentine	6 oz.
Ultramarine	½ oz.
Nigrosin	½ oz.
Stir until it begins to set, then add—	
Hard soap	1 oz.
Dissolved in—	
Water	5 oz.
Stir until cold.	

J. R. (213/7).—(1) FOWL CHOLERA.—There is no treatment of any avail for this. The carcases of birds that have died of the disease should be burned and the coops thoroughly disinfected. (2) DIGESTIVE SYRUP:

Euonymini	gr. xxxvj.
Dec. aloes co. conc.	ʒxij.
Pulv. boracis	ʒij.
Ol. sassafras	ʒj.
Pulv. capsici subtil.	ʒj.
Pulv. gentianæ	ʒiij.
Ol. gaultheri.	♏xij.
Spt. vini rect.	℥iss.
Ext. taraxi. liq.	℥iss.
Theriac. ad	℥xxiv.
Misce.	

Dose: Twenty to thirty drops in water.

W. M. T. (211/26).—(1) We know nothing about the Prussian dentifrice "made specially for the English market." It is time your customer learnt to do without German rubbish. (2) THE ICED EFFECT in household ammonia is produced by using a definite proportion of lime salts. Martindale's "Extra Pharmacopœia" gives the following:

Castile soap	1.3
Dissolve in—	
Water	60
And add—	
Strong solution of ammonia ...	27
Lime-water	0.6
Water to	100

Hospital (221/40).—HOSPITAL DISPENSERS' HOURS.—In the general London hospitals these vary from 9 to 5 or 6, and in the larger ones like St. Bartholomew's, Guy's, etc., the dispensers take late turns until 8 P.M. Venereal disease clinics complicate matters, as the work for these has to be done between 6 and 8 P.M. At one large hospital the hours are 9.30 to 6; Saturdays to 2 P.M.; venereal clinic dispensing, special arrangements, 6 to 8 P.M., three days a week; Sundays one to two hours' duty; Bank Holidays the same for in-patients only. Generally speaking, the dispensers' hours in hospitals may be put at 9 to 6; 2 on Saturdays; and one to two hours' duty on Sundays.

Retrospect of Fifty Years Ago.

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The First "C. & D. Diary."

It seems somewhat singular that so large and important a trade as ours should have remained so long without a special almanack. This manifest want is now about to be supplied in the form of "The Chemists' and Druggists' Almanack and Pharmaceutical Text-book for 1869," which will be published on the 15th December. It will contain, besides the usual information given in almanacks, a Digest of the laws affecting Pharmacy, a complete set of useful tables specially compiled for this work on a new plan, a series of receipts and prescriptions from an eminent pharmaceutical writer, notes on books, description of new remedies and counter novelties, and a host of information of the most valuable kind.

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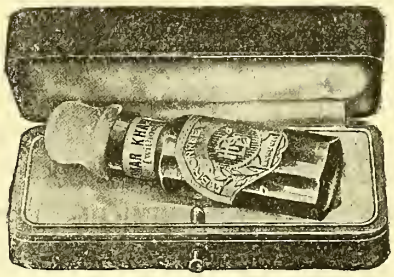

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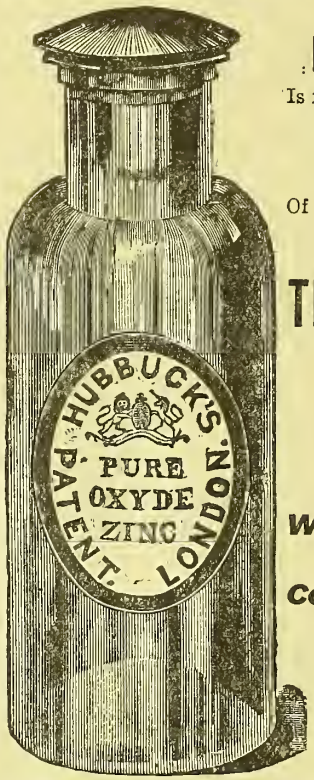

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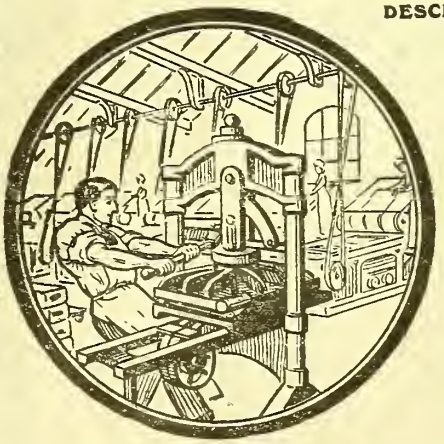

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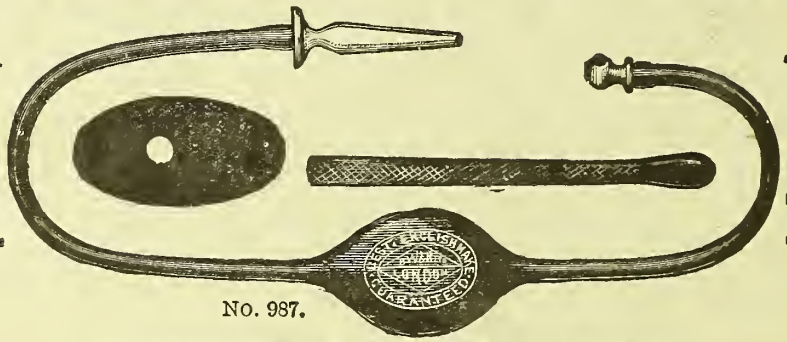

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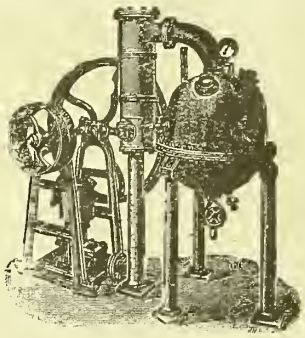

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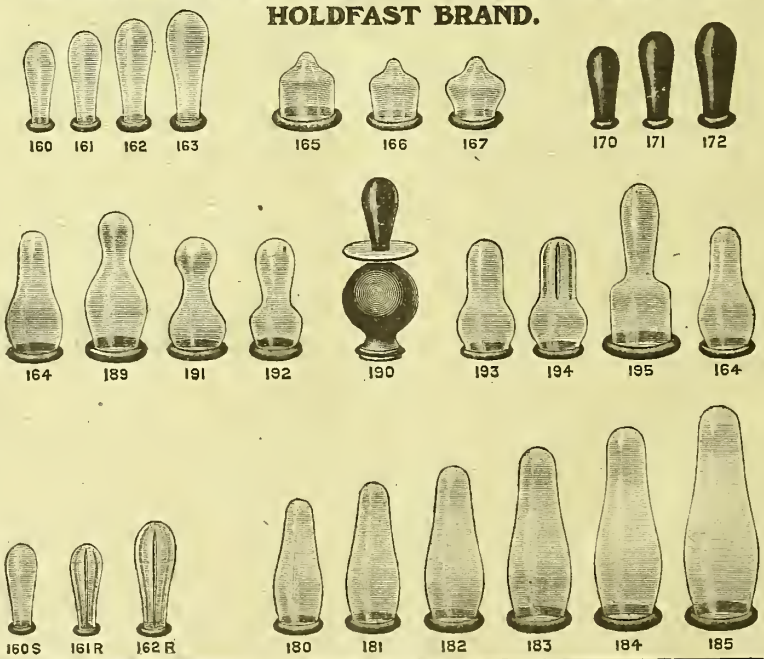

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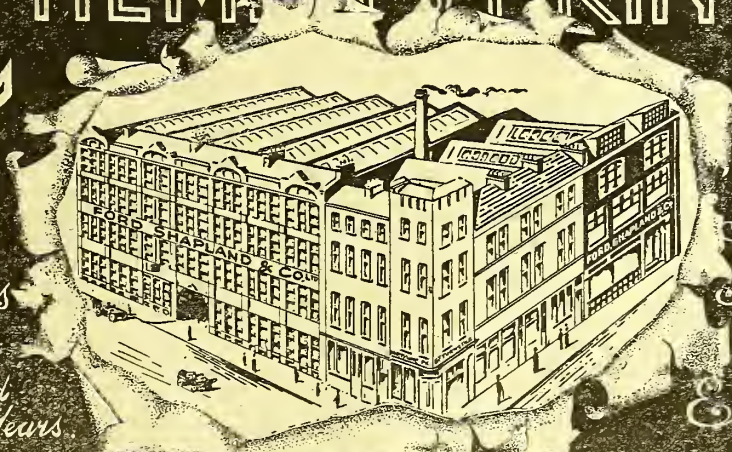

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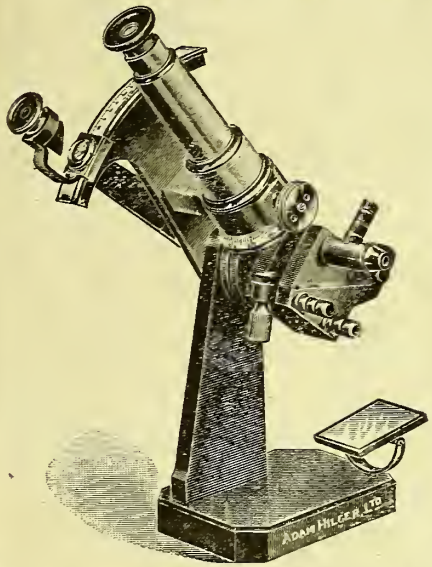

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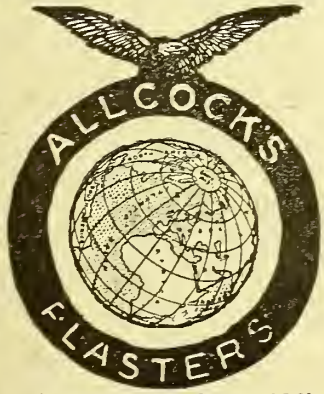

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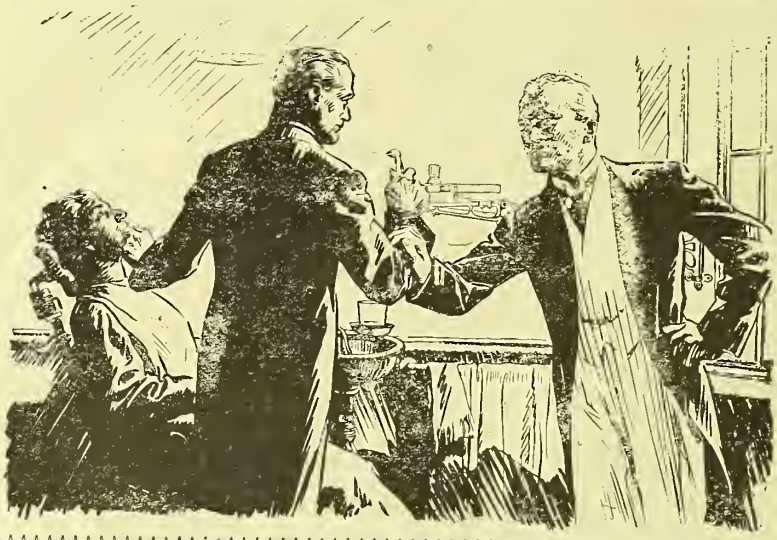

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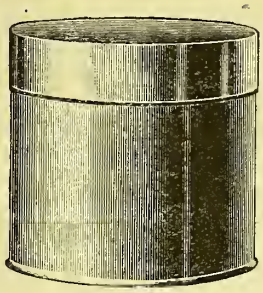

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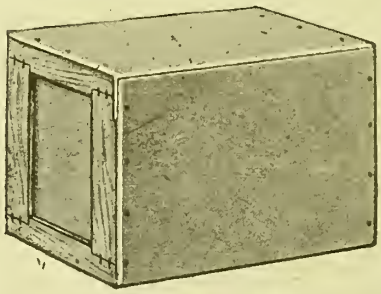

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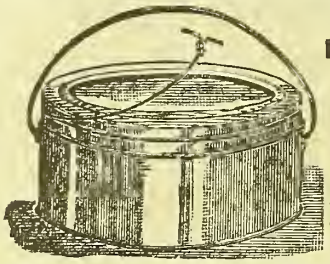

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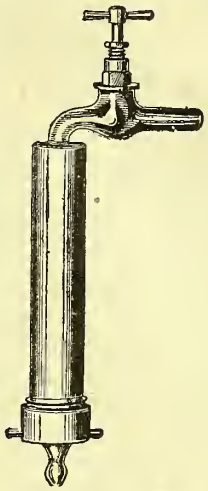

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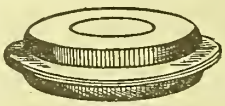
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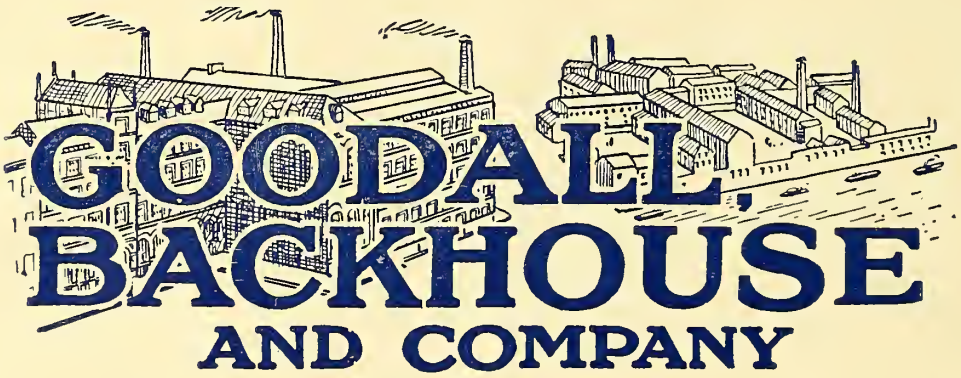

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